

Outage Probability of Dual-Hop Selective AF With Randomly Distributed and Fixed Interferers

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Abstract

The outage probability performance of a dual-hop amplify-and-forward selective relaying system with global relay selection is analyzed for Nakagami- m fading channels in the presence of multiple interferers at both the relays and the destination. Two different cases are considered. In the first case, the interferers are assumed to have random number and locations. Outage probability using the generalized Gamma approximation (GGA) in the form of one-dimensional integral is derived. In the second case, the interferers are assumed to have fixed number and locations. Exact outage probability in the form of one-dimensional integral is derived. For both cases, closed-form expressions of lower bounds and asymptotic expressions for high signal-to-interference-plus-noise ratio are also provided. Simplified closed-form expressions of outage probability for special cases (e.g., dominant interferences, i.i.d. interferers, Rayleigh distributed signals) are studied. Numerical results are presented to show the accuracy of our analysis by examining the effects of the number and locations of interferers on the outage performances of both AF systems with random and fixed interferers.

Index Terms

Amplify-and-forward, interference, outage probability, Poisson point process, relay selection.

I. INTRODUCTION

Wireless relaying can extend the network coverage by using idle nodes as relays in the network. It can also provide diversity gain by using idle nodes as "virtual" antennas [1]. Consequently, a huge amount of works have been conducted on its application in future wireless networks. Among all the relaying strategies, amplify-and-forward (AF) and decode-and-forward (DF) are perhaps the most widely used ones. In AF relaying, the source broadcasts its information to the relays in the first phase and then the relays simply amplify the received signals from the source and forward them to the destination in the second phase, while in DF relaying, the source broadcasts its information in the first phase but the relays have to decode the received signals from the source and then re-encode the signals before forwarding them to the destination. Due to its lower complexity, AF relaying is more attractive for some applications [2]. On the other

hand, in practical systems, it is often the case that more than one idle nodes are available at the same time such that multiple relays can be used by the source. If all the idle nodes are used in wireless relaying, orthogonal channels between relays have to be used in the second relaying phase such that the relayed signals will not interfere with each other. This will reduce the usage efficiency of the system resources considerably. To solve this problem, relay selection can be used by choosing only one node out of all available idle nodes in the second phase [3]. It can be shown that relay selection can achieve the same diversity gain as the scheme that uses all available idle nodes, with proper designs [4]. Thus, this paper focuses on relay selection using AF as an effective technology to achieve reliable communications.

Several researchers have studied the performance of relay selection using AF. In [5], the optimal relay selection criterion was proposed by selecting the relay with the largest instantaneous end-to-end or global signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) for forwarding. The performance of this criterion was analyzed in [6]. In [7], two suboptimal relay selection schemes based on two upper bounds to the instantaneous global SNR were proposed and analyzed. Reference [8] proposed partial relay selection scheme where relay selection is based on only the instantaneous SNR of the first hop. In [3], both the optimal selection scheme and the partial selection scheme were analyzed for Nakagami- m fading channels. Two new partial relay selection schemes were also proposed in [3]. However, none of these works considered the interferences from other transmitting sources in the network. In a multiple-access system or a frequency-reused cell, interferences from other transmitting sources, such as interferers, may cause performance degradation and therefore, cannot be ignored. Moreover, the positions of the nodes may not be optimized such that interferers may be randomly distributed. In this case, the spatially averaged (over the distributions of the positions) performance metrics may be of more practical use for system design and optimization by considering random locations of interferers. Reference [9] provided the closed-form expression of the outage probability of dual-hop AF relaying in the presence of interference at the destination over Rayleigh fading channels. Reference [10] analyzed the outage probability of a dual-hop AF relaying system where both relay and destination are interfered by a single source in Nakagami-

m fading channel. However these two works either considered interferers only at the destination over Rayleigh fading channels or only a signal interferer of fixed location.

In this paper, we provide a comprehensive analytical framework to derive the outage probability performance of an AF relay selection system where the relays suffer from path loss, independent but non-identically distributed Nakagami- m fading as well as Nakagami- m interferences. In the first case, the interferers have random number and locations. This is the case for multiple-access systems with mobile nodes. In the second case, the interferers have fixed number and locations. This is the case for fixed-access wireless systems where wireless interconnections are mainly provided to replace wires with considerably low or little mobility. The optimal criterion that selects the relay with the largest instantaneous global signal-to-noise-plus-interference ratio (SINR) is studied. The exact outage probability in terms of either one-dimensional integrals or closed-form approximations are derived. Also, lower bounds to outage probability are given. Finally, asymptotic expression of outage probability in Rayleigh fading are studied for large SINR values. Numerical results are presented to show the accuracy of our analysis and therefore to examine the effects of interferences on relay selection using AF.

The remainder of this paper is organized as follows. Section II introduces the system model. Section III considers the case when the interferers have random number and locations, while Section IV studies the case when the interferers have fixed number and locations. Numerical results are presented in Section V, followed by concluding remarks in Section VI.

II. SYSTEM MODEL

Consider a wireless relaying system with one source S , one destination D and multiple relays J of $R_j, j = 1, 2, \dots, J$. There is no direct link between the source and the destination, which is the case when relays are used to extend network coverage and is the focus of this paper. All nodes have a single antenna and are in half-duplex mode. Assume that there are I^{sj} interferers of I_i^{sj} , $i = 1, 2, \dots, I^{sj}$, and I^{jd} interferers of I_v^{jd} , $v = 1, 2, \dots, I^{jd}$, that are transmitting at the same time as the source to the j -th relay and the j -th relay to the destination, causing interferences to

the j -th relays and the destination, respectively. Assume that the distance between the source S and the j -th relay R_j , the j -th relay R_j and the destination D , the i -th interferer I_i^{sj} and the j -th relay R_j and the v -th interferer I_v^{jd} and the destination D are l_{sj} , l_{jd} , l_{ij} and l_{vj} , respectively. Also, assume that the path loss between S and R_j , R_j and D , I_i^{sj} and R_j , I_v^{jd} and D are $\eta(l_{sj})$, $\eta(l_{jd})$, $\eta(l_{ij})$ and $\eta(l_{vj})$, respectively. As the singular path loss model leads to impractical power condition in the network when $l < 1$, we assume the non-singular model for the path loss as

$$\eta(l) = \frac{1}{l^\beta + 1} \quad (1)$$

where β is the path loss exponent.

In the case when the interferers have random number and locations, we assume the numbers I^{sj} , I^{jd} and the distances l_{ij} , l_{vj} are random. We assume a Poisson point process (PPP) with density λ_I for the spatial distribution of the interferers. Then, the probability density function (PDF) of the number of interferers is given as

$$Pr \{i = I\} = \frac{(\lambda_I A_I)^I}{I!} e^{-\lambda_I A_I}, \quad I = 0, 1, \dots \quad (2)$$

where A_I is the distribution area of interferers. Also, we assume that the distance l follows a general distribution with a PDF of $f_l(x)$ which can be specified for different applications considered. In the case when the interferers have fixed locations, both the number of interferers and their locations are fixed such that I^{sj} , I^{jd} , l_{ij} and l_{vj} are deterministic values.

The received signal from the source S to the j -th relay R_j is given by

$$y_{sj} = \sqrt{\Omega_{sj}} h_{sj} x + \sum_{i=1}^{I^{sj}} \sqrt{\Omega_{ij}} h_{ij} x_{ij} + n_{sj} \quad (3)$$

and it can be further amplified and forwarded such that the received signal at the destination is given by

$$y_{jd} = \sqrt{\Omega_{jd}} h_{jd} \cdot G_j \cdot y_{sj} + \sum_{v=1}^{I^{jd}} \sqrt{\Omega_{vj}} h_{vj} x_{vj} + n_{jd} \quad (4)$$

where $\Omega_{sj} = K_{sj} P_{sj} |h_{sj}|^2 \eta(l_{sj})$, $\Omega_{jd} = K_{jd} P_{jd} |h_{jd}|^2 \eta(l_{jd})$, $\Omega_{ij} = K_{ij} P_{ij} |h_{ij}|^2 \eta(l_{ij})$ and $\Omega_{vj} = K_{vj} P_{vj} |h_{vj}|^2 \eta(l_{vj})$ are the average power of the Nakagami- m fading gain in the channel between

the source S and the j -th relay R_j , the j -th relay R_j and the destination D , the i -th interferer I_i^{sj} and the j -th relay R_j , the v -th interferer I_v^{jd} and the destination D , respectively, P_{sj} , P_{jd} , P_{ij} and P_{vj} are the transmitted power of S , R_j , I_i^{sj} and I_v^{jd} , respectively, K_{sj} , K_{jd} , K_{ij} and K_{vj} are constants that take other power factors, such as antenna gains and the average signal power factors, into account, h_{sj} , h_{jd} , h_{ij} and h_{vj} are the fading gains with unit average power between S and R_j , R_j and D , I_i^{sj} and R_j , I_v^{jd} and D , respectively, x , x_{ij} and x_{vj} are the transmitted symbol of S , I_i^{sj} and I_v^{jd} , respectively, n_{sj} , n_{jd} are the additive white Gaussian noise (AWGN) in the channel between S and R_j , R_j and D , respectively, and G_j is the amplification factor.

In the above, assume enough distances between relays and between source and relays and between relays and destination such that $|h_{sj}|$, $j = 1, 2, \dots, J$, are independent of each other, $|h_{jd}|$, $j = 1, 2, \dots, J$ are independent of each other and $|h_{sj}|$ are independent of $|h_{jd}|$. Similarly, we assume that n_{sj} are independent of each other for different j and n_{jd} are independent of each other for different j and n_{sj} are independent of n_{jd} . Also, assume enough distances between interferers at the relay and between interferers at the destination such that I_i^{sj} , $|h_{ij}|$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, I^{sj}$, at R_j are independent of each other, respectively, and I_v^{jd} , $|h_{vj}|$, $v = 1, 2, \dots, I^{jd}$, at D are independent of each other, respectively. We also assume interferers change from broadcasting phase to relaying phase such that interferences at the destination are independent of those at the relays. Note also that I_i^{sj} , $|h_{ij}|$ are independent of I_v^{jd} , $|h_{vj}|$, respectively, for different values of j , as it is not possible to have the same interferences in the signals from different relays to destination. Otherwise, the relays have to transmit their signals at the same time in the same frequency band and the destination will not be able to tell which signal is from which relay.

Based on discussions above, we assume independent Nakagami- m fading channels such that the fading powers $|h_{sj}|^2$, $|h_{jd}|^2$, $|h_{ij}|^2$, and $|h_{vj}|^2$ are independent Gamma random variables with shape parameters m_{sj} , m_{jd} , m_{ij} , m_{vj} and scale parameters $1/m_{sj}$, $1/m_{jd}$, $1/m_{ij}$, $1/m_{vj}$, respectively, where the Nakagami m parameters are assumed to be integers. Also, assume $E\{|x|^2\} = 1$, $E\{|x_{ij}|^2\} = 1$ and $E\{|x_{vj}|^2\} = 1$ such that the actual average signal power is absorbed by Ω_{sj} , Ω_{ij} and Ω_{vj} , respectively. Denote $\sigma_{sj}^2 = E\{|n_{sj}|^2\}$ as the noise power between

S and R_j and $\sigma_{jd}^2 = E\{|n_{jd}|^2\}$ as the noise power between R_j and D . Let $Y_{sj} = \sum_{i=1}^{I^{sj}} \Omega_{ij} |h_{ij}|^2$ and $Y_{jd} = \sum_{v=1}^{I^{jd}} \Omega_{vj} |h_{vj}|^2$. Define the SNR between S and R_j , R_j and D as $\gamma_{sj}^{SNR} = \frac{E\{\Omega_{sj} |h_{sj}|^2\}}{\sigma_{sj}^2}$, $\gamma_{jd}^{SNR} = \frac{E\{\Omega_{jd} |h_{jd}|^2\}}{\sigma_{jd}^2}$, respectively, the interference-to-noise ratio (INR) between S and R_j , R_j and D as $\gamma_{sj}^{INR} = \frac{E\{Y_{sj}\}}{\sigma_{sj}^2}$, $\gamma_{jd}^{INR} = \frac{E\{Y_{jd}\}}{\sigma_{jd}^2}$, respectively, and the SINR between S and R_j , R_j and D as $\gamma_{sj}^{SINR} = \frac{E\{\Omega_{sj} |h_{sj}|^2\}}{\sigma_{sj}^2 + E\{Y_{sj}\}}$, $\gamma_{jd}^{SINR} = \frac{E\{\Omega_{jd} |h_{jd}|^2\}}{\sigma_{jd}^2 + E\{Y_{jd}\}}$, respectively.

Using these assumptions, for variable-gain relaying, the amplification factor is given by

$$G_j = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\Omega_{sj} |h_{sj}|^2 + \sigma_{sj}^2 + \sum_{i=1}^{I^{sj}} \Omega_{ij} |h_{ij}|^2}}. \quad (5)$$

Using (5) in (4), the instantaneous end-to-end SINR of the j -th relaying link can be derived as

$$\Gamma_j = \frac{\Gamma_{sj} \Gamma_{jd}}{\Gamma_{sj} + \Gamma_{jd} + 1} \quad (6)$$

where

$$\Gamma_{sj} = \frac{\Omega_{sj} |h_{sj}|^2}{\sigma_{sj}^2 + Y_{sj}} \quad (7)$$

and

$$\Gamma_{jd} = \frac{\Omega_{jd} |h_{jd}|^2}{\sigma_{jd}^2 + Y_{jd}}. \quad (8)$$

In relay selection, the relay with the largest end-to-end instantaneous SINR is selected. Thus, the outage probability for a threshold of γ_{th} is given by

$$P_o(\gamma_{th}) = Pr\{\max\{\Gamma_j\} < \gamma_{th}\}, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, J \quad (9)$$

where $\gamma_{th} = 2^{2R} - 1$ and R is the transmission rate. In the next sections, this outage probability is derived in different cases.

III. RANDOM INTERFERERS

We first consider the case when the interferers have random number and locations. In this case, the randomness comes from the Nakagami- m fading powers, the number of interferers I^{sj} and I^{jd} as well as the distances l_{ij} and l_{vj} . In the first subsection, the PDFs of Y_{sj} and Y_{jd} are derived using the generalized Gamma approximation (GGA), as their closed-form expressions are

difficult to obtain, if not impossible. Then, closed-form expressions of the PDF and cumulative distribution function (CDF) for Γ_{sj} and Γ_{jd} are derived. In the third subsection, outage probability is derived when the relay with the largest instantaneous end-to-end SINR is selected. Note that the analysis of outage probability in this section can also be considered as an exact result when each relay and the destination have only one fixed interferer following generalized Gamma distribution.

A. PDF of Y_{sj} and Y_{jd}

Exact closed-form expressions for the PDFs of Y_{sj} and Y_{jd} are not available and are difficult to obtain. As a result, only moment generating functions (MGFs) of Y_{sj} and Y_{jd} for independent and identically distributed (i.i.d.) channels are available in the literature [11], which use either two- or three-dimensional integrals and thus are very complicated and not convenient to use. Therefore, it is nearly impossible to get the closed-form expressions for the PDFs and CDFs of Y_{sj} and Y_{jd} from these MGFs because the inverse Laplace transform is further needed. Thus, in the following, we will use GGA by matching the first-order, second-order and third-order moments of Y_{sj} and Y_{jd} to the first-order, second-order and third-order moments of a generalized Gamma random variable. To the best of the authors' knowledge, none of the works in the literature have considered using GGA to approximate the distribution of random interferers. Numerical results in Section V will show that the GGA approximation has a very good match with the simulation results. As Y_{sj} and Y_{jd} have the same distribution but with different parameters, we approximate the distribution of Y_{sj} first. One can get the approximate PDF of Y_{sj} using GGA as

$$f_{Y_{sj}}(x; a_{sj}, d_{sj}, p_{sj}) = \frac{p_{sj} a_{sj}^{-d_{sj}} x^{d_{sj}-1} e^{-\left(\frac{x}{a_{sj}}\right)^{p_{sj}}}}{\Gamma\left(\frac{d_{sj}}{p_{sj}}\right)}, x > 0 \quad (10)$$

where $\Gamma(\cdot)$ is the Gamma function, $d_{sj} > 0, p_{sj} > 0$ are shape parameters and $a_{sj} > 0$ is the scale parameter to be determined [12]. It is shown in Appendix A that one can calculate p_{sj} and

d_{sj} in (10) by solving the two equations as

$$\begin{cases} B\left(\frac{d_{sj}+1}{p_{sj}}, \frac{d_{sj}+2}{p_{sj}}\right) = \frac{E\{Y_{sj}\}E\{Y_{sj}^2\}}{E\{Y_{sj}^3\}} B\left(\frac{d_{sj}}{p_{sj}}, \frac{d_{sj}+3}{p_{sj}}\right) \\ B\left(\frac{d_{sj}+1}{p_{sj}}, \frac{d_{sj}+1}{p_{sj}}\right) = \frac{E\{Y_{sj}\}^2}{E\{Y_{sj}^2\}} B\left(\frac{d_{sj}}{p_{sj}}, \frac{d_{sj}+2}{p_{sj}}\right) \end{cases} \quad (11)$$

where $E\{Y_{sj}\}$, $E\{Y_{sj}^2\}$ and $E\{Y_{sj}^3\}$ can be found in (44), (45) and (46), respectively, and then one can calculate a_{sj} by inserting the solved values of p_{sj} and d_{sj} into one of the equations in (47). Also, when all the interferers are i.i.d., with the help of $e^\lambda = \sum_{I=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^I}{I!}$, $e^\lambda = \frac{1}{\lambda} \sum_{I=1}^{\infty} I \frac{\lambda^I}{I!}$ or $e^\lambda = \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \sum_{I=1}^{\infty} I(I-1) \frac{\lambda^I}{I!}$ [13], $E\{Y_{sj}\}$, $E\{Y_{sj}^2\}$ and $E\{Y_{sj}^3\}$ can be simplified as

$$\begin{cases} E\{Y_{sj}\} = I^{sj} K_{ij} P_{ij} \eta_{1,ij} \\ E\{Y_{sj}^2\} = I^{sj} K_{ij}^2 P_{ij}^2 \eta_{2,ij} \frac{m_{ij}+1}{m_{ij}} + (I^{sj})^2 K_{i1j} P_{i1j} K_{i2j} P_{i2j} \eta_{1,ij}^2 \\ E\{Y_{sj}^3\} = I^{sj} K_{ij}^3 P_{ij}^3 \frac{(m_{ij}+1)(m_{ij}+2)}{m_{ij}^2} \eta_{3,ij} + (I^{sj})^2 K_{i1j}^2 P_{i1j}^2 K_{i2j} P_{i2j} \frac{m_{ij}+1}{m_{ij}} \eta_{2,ij} \eta_{1,ij} \\ + (I^{sj})^3 K_{i1j} P_{i1j} K_{i2j} P_{i2j} K_{i3j} P_{i3j} \eta_{1,ij}^3. \end{cases} \quad (12)$$

The PDF expression $f_{Y_{jd}}(x; a_{jd}, d_{jd}, p_{jd})$ of Y_{jd} can be obtained using the same method as above. They are not listed here due to the limited space.

B. PDF and CDF of Γ_{sj} and Γ_{jd}

Denote $W_{sj} = \Omega_{sj} |h_{sj}|^2$. Since $|h_{sj}|^2$ is a Gamma random variable with shape parameter m_{sj} and scale parameter $1/m_{sj}$, W_{sj} is also a Gamma random variable with PDF

$$f_{W_{sj}}(x) = \left(\frac{m_{sj}}{\Omega_{sj}}\right)^{m_{sj}} \frac{x^{m_{sj}-1}}{\Gamma(m_{sj})} e^{-\frac{m_{sj}}{\Omega_{sj}}x}, x > 0. \quad (13)$$

Also, denote $Z_{sj} = Y_{sj} + \sigma_{sj}^2$, where the PDF of Z_{sj} is determined by $f_{Z_{sj}}(x) = f_{Y_{sj}}(x - \sigma_{sj}^2)$.

Thus, one has $\Gamma_{sj} = \frac{W_{sj}}{Z_{sj}}$ and the PDF of Γ_{sj} is given by

$$f_{\Gamma_{sj}}(u) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x| f_{W_{sj}}(xu) f_{Y_{sj}}(x - \sigma_{sj}^2) dx. \quad (14)$$

Using (10) and (13) in (14) and defining $p_{sj} = l_{sj}/k_{sj}$ such that $\gcd(l_{sj}, k_{sj}) = 1$ where $\gcd(\cdot, \cdot)$ is the great common divisor operator [14], one has

$$f_{\Gamma_{sj}}(u) = \sum_{r_1=0}^{m_{sj}} \mu_{1,sj,r_1} e^{-\frac{m_{sj}\sigma_{sj}^2 u}{\Omega_{sj}}} u^{-d_{sj}+m_{sj}-r_1-1} G_{l_{sj},k_{sj}}^{k_{sj},l_{sj}} \left(\mu_{0,sj} u^{-l_{sj}} \middle| \begin{matrix} I(l_{sj}, 1-d_{sj}-r_1) \\ I(k_{sj}, 0) \end{matrix} \right), \quad (15)$$

where $\mu_{1,sj,r_1} = \frac{l_{sj}^{d_{sj}+r_1-\frac{1}{2}} \sigma_{sj}^{2(m_{sj}-r_1)} \left(\frac{m_{sj}}{\Omega_{sj}}\right)^{-d_{sj}+m_{sj}-r_1} \sqrt{k_{sj} p_{sj} m_{sj}!} a_{sj}^{-d_{sj}} (2\pi)^{-\frac{k_{sj}}{2}-\frac{l_{sj}}{2}+1}}{r_1!(m_{sj}-r_1)! \Gamma(m_{sj}) \Gamma\left(\frac{d_{sj}}{p_{sj}}\right)}$, $\mu_{0,sj} = k_{sj}^{-k_{sj}} l_{sj}^{l_{sj}} a_{sj}^{-k_{sj} p_{sj}} \left(\frac{m_{sj}}{\Omega_{sj}}\right)^{-l_{sj}}$, $I(n, \xi) = (\xi/n, (\xi+1)/n, \dots, (\xi+n-1)/n)$ and $G_{a,b}^{c,d}(\cdot)$ denotes the Meijer'G-function [14] which is available as a built-in function in many mathematical software packages, such as MATLAB, MATHEMATICA and MAPLE.

Proof: See Appendix B.

Also, one can get the CDF of Γ_{sj} as

$$F_{\Gamma_{sj}}(u) = 1 - \sum_{r_2=0}^{m_{sj}-1} \sum_{r_3=0}^{r_2} \mu_{2,sj,r_2,r_3} e^{-\frac{m_{sj} \sigma_{sj}^2 u}{\Omega_{sj}}} u^{-d_{sj}+r_2-r_3} G_{l_{sj},k_{sj}}^{k_{sj},l_{sj}} \left(\begin{matrix} I(l_{sj}, 1-d_{sj}-r_3) \\ I(k_{sj}, 0) \end{matrix} \middle| \mu_{0,sj} u^{-l_{sj}} \right) \quad (16)$$

$$\text{where } \mu_{2,sj,r_2,r_3} = \frac{l_{sj}^{d_{sj}+r_3-\frac{1}{2}} \sigma_{sj}^{2(r_2-r_3)} \left(\frac{m_{sj}}{\Omega_{sj}}\right)^{-d_{sj}+r_2-r_3} \sqrt{k_{sj} p_{sj} a_{sj}^{-d_{sj}} (2\pi)^{-\frac{k_{sj}}{2}-\frac{l_{sj}}{2}+1}}}{r_3!(r_2-r_3)! \Gamma\left(\frac{d_{sj}}{p_{sj}}\right)}.$$

Proof: See Appendix C.

The PDF and CDF of Γ_{sj} in (15) and (16) in terms of the Meijer'G-function are computationally complex. Therefore, we provide the high SINR approximations next that have simpler forms. Using the following Taylor's series expansion

$$e^x = \sum_{n=0}^N \frac{x^n}{n!} + o(x^N), \quad \text{as } x \rightarrow 0, \quad (17)$$

where $o(x)$ denotes the higher-order term of an arbitrary function $a(x)$, one can get the PDF and CDF of Γ_{sj} as (18) and (19), respectively.

$$f_{\Gamma_{sj}}(u) = \sum_{n_1=0}^{N_1} \sum_{n_3=0}^{N_3} \sum_{r_1=0}^{m_{sj}} \mu_{5,sj,r_1,n_1,n_3} u^{m_{sj}+n_1+n_3-1} + o[(u/\Omega_{sj})^{N_1}] + o[(\sigma_{sj}^2 u/\Omega_{sj})^{N_3}], \quad (18)$$

$$\text{where } \mu_{5,sj,r_1,n_1,n_3} = \frac{(-1)^{n_1+n_3} a_{sj}^{n_1+r_1} m_{sj}^{m_{sj}+n_1+n_3+1} \Omega_{sj}^{-m_{sj}-n_1-n_3} \sigma_{sj}^{2(m_{sj}-r_1+n_3)} \Gamma\left(\frac{d_{sj}+n_1+r_1}{p_{sj}}\right)}{n_1! n_3! \Gamma(r_1+1) \Gamma(m_{sj}-r_1+1) \Gamma\left(\frac{d_{sj}}{p_{sj}}\right)},$$

$$F_{\Gamma_{sj}}(u) = 1 - \sum_{n_2=0}^{N_2} \sum_{n_4=0}^{N_4} \sum_{r_2=0}^{m_{sj}-1} \sum_{r_3=0}^{r_2} \mu_{6,sj,r_2,r_3,n_2,n_4} u^{n_2+r_2+n_4} + o[(u/\Omega_{sj})^{N_2}] + o[(\sigma_{sj}^2 u/\Omega_{sj})^{N_4}], \quad (19)$$

$$\text{where } \mu_{6,sj,r_2,r_3,n_2,n_4} = \frac{(-1)^{n_2+n_4} a_{sj}^{n_2+r_3} \sigma_{sj}^{2(r_2-r_3+n_4)} \left(\frac{m_{sj}}{\Omega_{sj}}\right)^{n_2+r_2+n_4} \Gamma\left(\frac{d_{sj}+n_2+r_3}{p_{sj}}\right)}{n_2! n_4! r_3! (r_2-r_3)! \Gamma\left(\frac{d_{sj}}{p_{sj}}\right)}.$$

Proof: See Appendix D.

In high SINR conditions when $\Omega_{sj} \rightarrow \infty$ or $\sigma_{sj}^2 \rightarrow 0$ or in the low outage regime when $u \rightarrow 0$, one can get rid of $o[(u/\Omega_{sj})^{N_1}]$, $o[(u/\Omega_{sj})^{N_2}]$, $o[(\sigma_{sj}^2 u/\Omega_{sj})^{N_3}]$ and $o[(\sigma_{sj}^2 u/\Omega_{sj})^{N_4}]$ in (18) and (19) to obtain corresponding approximations, respectively.

The PDF and CDF expressions $f_{\Gamma_{jd}}(u)$ and $F_{\Gamma_{jd}}(u)$ and their high SINR approximations can be obtained using the same method as above. They are not listed here to make the paper compact.

C. Outage probability

Using the derived PDF and CDFs of Γ_{sj} and Γ_{jd} in the previous subsection, the CDF of the instantaneous end-to-end SINR in (6) can be derived as [3]

$$\begin{aligned} F_{\Gamma_j}^E(x) &= \int_0^\infty Pr \left\{ \frac{\Gamma_{sj}\Gamma_{jd}}{\Gamma_{sj} + \Gamma_{jd} + 1} \leq x|t \right\} f_{\Gamma_{sj}}(t) dt \\ &= F_{\Gamma_{sj}}(x) + \int_0^\infty F_{\Gamma_{jd}} \left(\frac{x^2 + x + xt}{t} \right) f_{\Gamma_{sj}}(t + x) dt. \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

One can see that (20) only has one-dimensional integral, which can be calculated numerically using mathematical software. Also, by using the lower bound as

$$F_{\Gamma_j}(x) \geq 1 - [1 - F_{\Gamma_{sj}}(x)] [1 - F_{\Gamma_{jd}}(x)] = F_{\Gamma_j}^{LB}(x), \quad (21)$$

one can get the lower bound to the CDF as

$$\begin{aligned} F_{\Gamma_j}^{LB}(x) &= 1 - \sum_{r_2=0}^{m_{sj}-1} \sum_{r_3=0}^{r_2} \sum_{r'_2=0}^{m_{jd}-1} \sum_{r'_3=0}^{r'_2} \mu_{2,sj,r_2,r_3} \mu_{2,jd,r'_2,r'_3} e^{-\frac{m_{sj}\sigma_{sj}^2 x}{\Omega_{sj}} - \frac{m_{jd}\sigma_{jd}^2 x}{\Omega_{jd}}} x^{-d_{sj}+r_2-r_3-d_{jd}+r'_2-r'_3} \\ &\quad G_{l_{sj},k_{sj}}^{k_{sj},l_{sj}} \left(\begin{matrix} \mu_{0,sj} x^{-l_{sj}} \\ I(l_{sj}, 1 - d_{sj} - r_3) \\ I(k_{sj}, 0) \end{matrix} \right) G_{l_{jd},k_{jd}}^{k_{jd},l_{jd}} \left(\begin{matrix} \mu_{0,jd} x^{-l_{jd}} \\ I(l_{jd}, 1 - d_{jd} - r'_3) \\ I(k_{jd}, 0) \end{matrix} \right), \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

where $\mu_{2,jd,r'_2,r'_3} = \frac{l_{jd}^{d_{jd}+r'_3-\frac{1}{2}} \sigma_{jd}^{2(r'_2-r'_3)} \left(\frac{m_{jd}}{\Omega_{jd}}\right)^{-d_{jd}+r'_2-r'_3} \sqrt{k_{jd} p_{jd} a_{jd}}^{-d_{jd}} (2\pi)^{-\frac{k_{jd}}{2}-\frac{l_{jd}}{2}+1}}{r'_3! (r'_2-r'_3)! \Gamma\left(\frac{d_{jd}}{p_{jd}}\right)}$ and $\mu_{0,jd} = k_{jd}^{-k_{jd}} l_{jd}^{l_{jd}} a_{jd}^{-k_{jd} p_{jd}} \left(\frac{m_{jd}}{\Omega_{jd}}\right)^{-l_{jd}}$.

Also, if one inserts the CDFs of high SINR approximations into (21) and with the help of

(43), one can get the asymptotic expression of the CDF as

$$F_{\Gamma_j}^\infty(x) = 1 - \sum_{n_2=0}^{N_2} \sum_{n_4=0}^{N_4} \sum_{r_2=0}^{m_{sj}-1} \sum_{r_3=0}^{r_2} \sum_{n'_2=0}^{N'_2} \sum_{n'_4=0}^{N'_4} \sum_{r'_2=0}^{m_{jd}-1} \sum_{r'_3=0}^{r'_2} x^{n_2+r_2+n_4+n'_2+r'_2+n'_4} \\ \frac{(-1)^{n_2+n_4+n'_2+n'_4} \sigma_{sj}^{2(r_2-r_3+n_4)} \sigma_{jd}^{2(r'_2-r'_3+n'_4)} \left(\frac{m_{sj}}{\Omega_{sj}}\right)^{n_2+r_2+n_4} \left(\frac{m_{jd}}{\Omega_{jd}}\right)^{n'_2+r'_2+n'_4} E(Y_{sj}^{n_2+r_3}) E(Y_{jd}^{n'_2+r'_3})}{n_2!n_4!r_3!(r_2-r_3)!n'_2!n'_4!r'_3!(r'_2-r'_3)!} \quad (23)$$

where $E(Y_{sj}^{n_2+r_3}) = \frac{a_{sj}^{n_2+r_3} \Gamma\left(\frac{d_{sj}+n_2+r_3}{p_{sj}}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{d_{sj}}{p_{sj}}\right)}$, $E(Y_{jd}^{n'_2+r'_3}) = \frac{a_{jd}^{n'_2+r'_3} \Gamma\left(\frac{d_{jd}+n'_2+r'_3}{p_{jd}}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{d_{jd}}{p_{jd}}\right)}$.

Then, the outage probability for AF relay selection is given by

$$P_o^\Psi(\gamma_{th}) = \prod_{j=1}^J F_{\Gamma_j}^\Psi(\gamma_{th}) \quad (24)$$

where Ψ in (24) can be E using $F_{\Gamma_j}^E(x)$ to get the exact outage probability, LB using $F_{\Gamma_j}^{LB}(x)$ to get lower bound and ∞ using $F_{\Gamma_j}^\infty(\gamma_{th})$ to get the asymptotic expression for the outage probability.

Using the simple form in (23), several insights can be obtained. For example, in the low outage regime when $\gamma_{th} \rightarrow 0$, the above result becomes exact. Also, one can see from (23) that when the Nakagami- m parameters of the interference m_{ij} or m_{vj} ($\gg 1$) are large and increase, the outage probability remains almost unchanged. This is because m_{ij} or m_{vj} only have an influence on the order of interference power, as can be seen from (44), (45) and (46) in Appendix A, where the c -th order moment of interference power $E(Y_{sj})$ or $E(Y_{jd})$ remains almost unchanged when m_{ij} or m_{vj} are large. For small values of m_{ij} or m_{vj} (≈ 1), they still have some influence on the outage probability, as $\frac{m_{ij}+1}{m_{ij}}$ in (45) and $\frac{(m_{ij}+1)(m_{ij}+2)}{m_{ij}^2}$ in (46) cannot be ignored if $m_{ij} \approx 1$ (They approach 1 when $m_{ij} \rightarrow 0$). This phenomenon will be shown in Fig. 1 by simulation in Section V.

Also, one can see from (23) that, when the SINR increases (i.e. Ω_{sj} or Ω_{jd} increase, or σ_{sj}^2 or σ_{jd}^2 decrease, or $E(Y_{sj})$ or $E(Y_{jd})$ decrease), the outage probability decreases accordingly, which will be shown in Fig. 3 and Fig. 4 in Section V. Further, for fixed SINR, if one decreases INR (i.e. decreases the interference power $E(Y_{sj})$ or $E(Y_{jd})$), the outage probability still decreases. This is because the order of the interference power $E(Y_{sj}^{n_2+r_3})$ or $E(Y_{jd}^{n'_2+r'_3})$ in (23) also affects the outage probability. The rate of decrease becomes small when the diversity order (determined

by m_{sj} or m_{jd}) is small. Therefore, when the signal experiences Rayleigh fading (i.e. $m_{sj} = 1$ or $m_{jd} = 1$), the outage probability remains almost unchanged if one changes INR but keeps SINR fixed. These explanations will be verified in Fig. 2 and Fig. 3 in Section V.

Also, since the possible boundary of the interferers and the pass loss between the interferer and the signal have influence on the order of interference power (referring to (44), (45) and (46) in Appendix A), changing the possible boundary and the pass loss also changes the outage probability, even if one keeps the SINR and INR fixed. Similar to before, for the Rayleigh case, the outage probability changes little if one keeps SINR and INR fixed. These discussions will be verified in Fig. 5 and Fig. 6 in Section V.

Another insight that can be obtained from (23) is that, when m_{sj} or m_{jd} increase, the outage probability decreases, as m_{sj} or m_{jd} are in the upper limits of the summations in (23), which will also be examined in Fig. 2 - Fig. 6 in Section V.

D. Special cases

For the sake of simplicity, we now focus on the case when the interferences are dominant at both relay and destination. By setting $\sigma_{sj}^2 \approx 0$ and $\sigma_{jd}^2 \approx 0$ in (23), one can get the asymptotic CDF in this case as

$$F_{\Gamma_j}^\infty(x) = 1 - \sum_{n_2=0}^{N_2} \sum_{r_2=0}^{m_{sj}-1} \sum_{n'_2=0}^{N'_2} \sum_{r'_2=0}^{m_{jd}-1} \frac{(-1)^{n_2+n'_2} \left(\frac{m_{sj}}{\Omega_{sj}}\right)^{n_2+r_2} \left(\frac{m_{jd}}{\Omega_{jd}}\right)^{n'_2+r'_2} E(Y_{sj}^{n_2+r_2}) E(Y_{jd}^{n'_2+r'_2})}{n_2!r_2!n'_2!r'_2!} x^{n_2+r_2+n'_2+r'_2}, \quad (25)$$

where $E(Y_{sj}^{n_2+r_2}) = \frac{a_{sj}^{n_2+r_2} \Gamma\left(\frac{d_{sj}+n_2+r_2}{p_{sj}}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{d_{sj}}{p_{sj}}\right)}$, $E(Y_{jd}^{n'_2+r'_2}) = \frac{a_{jd}^{n'_2+r'_2} \Gamma\left(\frac{d_{jd}+n'_2+r'_2}{p_{jd}}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{d_{jd}}{p_{jd}}\right)}$.

In another special case when the signal experiences Rayleigh fading channel, by setting $m_{sj} =$

1 and $m_{jd} = 1$, (23) is specialized to

$$F_{\Gamma_j}^\infty(x) = 1 - \sum_{n_2=0}^{N_2} \sum_{n_4=0}^{N_4} \sum_{n'_2=0}^{N'_2} \sum_{n'_4=0}^{N'_4} \frac{(-1)^{n_2+n_4+n'_2+n'_4} \Omega_{sj}^{-n_2-n_4} \Omega_{jd}^{-n'_2-n'_4} \sigma_{sj}^{2n_4} \sigma_{jd}^{2n'_4} E(Y_{sj}^{n_2}) E(Y_{jd}^{n'_2})}{n_2! n_4! n'_2! n'_4!} x^{n_2+n_4+n'_2+n'_4}, \quad (26)$$

$$\text{where } E(Y_{sj}^{n_2}) = \frac{a_{sj}^{n_2} \Gamma\left(\frac{d_{sj}+n_2}{p_{sj}}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{d_{sj}}{p_{sj}}\right)}, \quad E(Y_{jd}^{n'_2}) = \frac{a_{jd}^{n'_2} \Gamma\left(\frac{d_{jd}+n'_2}{p_{jd}}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{d_{jd}}{p_{jd}}\right)}.$$

Then, using (24), the outage probability for the two special cases above can be obtained.

IV. FIXED INTERFERERS

In this section, we consider the case when the interferers have fixed number and locations. In this case, the numbers of interferers I^{sj} and I^{jd} as well as the distances l_{ij} and l_{vj} are deterministic such that they can be all treated as constants. The only randomness comes from the Nakagami- m fading. Thus, Γ_{sj} is a function of only the random channel gains. Note that similar derivations have also been conducted for dual-hop AF relaying without relay selection in the literature [10], [15]–[23]. However, they either consider interferences at only one of the relay and the destination [15]–[17], [19], [23], only a single interferer [10], for fixed-gain relaying [18], for performance upper bounds [20], for interference-limited case with identical Nakagami- m channels [21], or for Rayleigh channels [22]. In the following, we will derive the exact performance for the case when both the relay and the destination suffer from multiple non-identically distributed Nakagami- m interferers and we also consider relay selection in our derivation.

A. PDF and CDF of Γ_{sj} and Γ_{jd}

Similarly, we derive the PDF and CDF of Γ_{sj} first. Since $Y_{sj} = \sum_{i=1}^{I^{sj}} \Omega_{ij} |h_{ij}|^2$ and $|h_{ij}|^2$ are independent Gamma random variables, by proper scaling, Y_{sj} is actually a sum of independent Gamma random variables. A closed-form expression for the PDF of this sum was derived in [24]. However, this expression uses an infinite series in order to consider the general case of

arbitrary shape parameters and scale parameters. To avoid this infinite series in our result, we use the PDF in [25] for the case when the Nakagami- m parameters could be different but are integers. In this case, the PDF of Y_{sj} is given by [25, eq. (4)]

$$f_{Y_{sj}}(x) = \left[\prod_{i^*=1}^{I^{sj}} \left(-\frac{\Omega_{i^*j}}{m_{i^*j}} \right)^{-m_{i^*j}} \right] \sum_{i=1}^{I^{sj}} \sum_{r=1}^{m_{ij}} \frac{(-1)^r b_{ir}}{(r-1)!} x^{r-1} e^{-\frac{m_{ij}}{\Omega_{ij}} x}, x > 0 \quad (27)$$

where b_{ir} is a constant given by [25, eq. (5)], Ω_{i^*j} , m_{i^*j} are the same as Ω_{ij} , m_{ij} , respectively for the same i and j and all other symbols are defined as before. It is derived in Appendix E that the PDF of Γ_{sj} can be written as

$$f_{\Gamma_{sj}}(u) = \sum_{i=1}^{I^{sj}} \sum_{r=1}^{m_{ij}} \sum_{f=0}^{m_{sj}} \varphi_{1,sj,ij,i,r,f} \frac{u^{m_{sj}-1} e^{-\frac{m_{sj}}{\Omega_{sj}} \sigma_{sj}^2 u}}{\left(\frac{m_{sj}}{\Omega_{sj}} u + \frac{m_{ij}}{\Omega_{ij}} \right)^{f+r}}, \quad (28)$$

where $\varphi_{1,sj,ij,i,r,f} = \left[\prod_{i^*=1}^{I^{sj}} \left(-\frac{\Omega_{i^*j}}{m_{i^*j}} \right)^{-m_{i^*j}} \right] \frac{(-1)^r b_{ir} \left(\frac{m_{sj}}{\Omega_{sj}} \right)^{m_{sj}} \binom{m_{sj}}{f} (\sigma_{sj}^2)^{m_{sj}-f} \Gamma(f+r)}{\Gamma(m_{sj})(r-1)!}$,

and the CDF of Γ_{sj} can be derived as

$$F_{\Gamma_{sj}}(u) = 1 - \sum_{i=1}^{I^{sj}} \sum_{r=1}^{m_{ij}} \sum_{f=0}^{m_{sj}-1} \sum_{h=0}^f \varphi_{2,sj,ij,i,r,f,h} \frac{u^f e^{-\frac{m_{sj}}{\Omega_{sj}} \sigma_{sj}^2 u}}{\left(\frac{m_{sj}}{\Omega_{sj}} u + \frac{m_{ij}}{\Omega_{ij}} \right)^{h+r}}, \quad (29)$$

where $\varphi_{2,sj,ij,i,r,f,h} = \left[\prod_{i^*=1}^{I^{sj}} \left(-\frac{\Omega_{i^*j}}{m_{i^*j}} \right)^{-m_{i^*j}} \right] \frac{(-1)^r b_{ir} \left(\frac{m_{sj}}{\Omega_{sj}} \right)^f \binom{f}{h} (\sigma_{sj}^2)^{f-h} \Gamma(h+r)}{(r-1)!f!}$.

Using (17) and the following Taylor's series expansion

$$(1+x)^{-n} = \sum_{i=0}^N \binom{-n}{i} x^i + o(x^N), \quad \text{as } x \rightarrow 0, \quad (30)$$

where n and N are positive integers, one can get the high SINR approximations for PDF and CDF of Γ_{sj} as (31) and (32), respectively.

$$\begin{aligned} f_{\Gamma_{sj}}(u) &= \sum_{i=1}^{I^{sj}} \sum_{n_5=0}^{N_5} \sum_{n_6=0}^{N_6} \sum_{r=1}^{m_{ij}} \sum_{f=0}^{m_{sj}} \varphi_{3,sj,ij,i,r,n_5,n_6} u^{m_{sj}+n_5+n_6-1} + o \left[(\sigma_{sj}^2 u / \Omega_{sj})^{N_5} \right] \\ &+ o \left[(u \Omega_{ij} / \Omega_{sj})^{N_6} \right] \end{aligned} \quad (31)$$

where $\varphi_{3,sj,ij,i,r,f,n_5,n_6} =$

$$\left[\prod_{i^*=1}^{I^{sj}} \left(-\frac{\Omega_{i^*j}}{m_{i^*j}} \right)^{-m_{i^*j}} \right] \frac{(-1)^{r+n_5} b_{ir} \left(\frac{m_{sj}}{\Omega_{sj}} \right)^{m_{sj}+n_5+n_6} \left(\frac{m_{ij}}{\Omega_{ij}} \right)^{-f-r-n_6} \binom{m_{sj}}{f} \binom{-f-r}{n_6} (\sigma_{sj}^2)^{m_{sj}-f+n_5} \Gamma(f+r)}{\Gamma(m_{sj})(r-1)!n_5!},$$

$$F_{\Gamma_{sj}}(u) = 1 - \sum_{i=1}^{I^{sj}} \sum_{n_7=0}^{N_7} \sum_{n_8=0}^{N_8} \sum_{r=1}^{m_{ij}} \sum_{f=0}^{m_{sj}-1} \sum_{h=0}^f \varphi_{4,sj,ij,i,r,f,h,n_7,n_8} u^{f+n_7+n_8} + o \left[(\sigma_{sj}^2 u / \Omega_{sj})^{N_7} \right] \quad (32)$$

$$+ o \left[(u \Omega_{ij} / \Omega_{sj})^{N_8} \right],$$

where $\varphi_{4,sj,ij,i,r,f,h,n_7,n_8} =$

$$\left[\prod_{i^*=1}^{I^{sj}} \left(-\frac{\Omega_{i^*j}}{m_{i^*j}} \right)^{-m_{i^*j}} \right] \frac{(-1)^{r+n_7} b_{ir} \left(\frac{m_{sj}}{\Omega_{sj}} \right)^{f+n_7+n_8} \left(\frac{m_{ij}}{\Omega_{ij}} \right)^{-h-r-n_8} \binom{f}{h} \binom{-h-r}{n_8} (\sigma_{sj}^2)^{f-h+n_7} \Gamma(h+r)}{(r-1)!f!n_7!}.$$

In high SINR conditions, $o \left[(\sigma_{sj}^2 u / \Omega_{sj})^{N_5} \right]$, $o \left[(u \Omega_{ij} / \Omega_{sj})^{N_6} \right]$, $o \left[(\sigma_{sj}^2 u / \Omega_{sj})^{N_7} \right]$ and $o \left[(u \Omega_{ij} / \Omega_{sj})^{N_8} \right]$

in the above equations can be removed to obtain corresponding approximations.

The PDF and CDF expressions $f_{\Gamma_{jd}}(u)$ and $F_{\Gamma_{jd}}(u)$ and their high SINR approximations can be also obtained using the same methods as above.

B. Outage probability

Using the derived exact PDF and CDFs of Γ_{sj} and Γ_{jd} into (20), one can get the CDF of the instantaneous end-to-end SINR in one-dimensional integral, which can be calculated numerically using mathematical software.

Then, following the same process as in Section III, one can get the lower bound of the CDF as (33), when the exact CDFs of Γ_{sj} and Γ_{jd} are used,

$$F_{\Gamma_j}(x) \geq 1 - \sum_{i=1}^{I^{sj}} \sum_{r=1}^{m_{ij}} \sum_{f=0}^{m_{sj}-1} \sum_{h=0}^f \sum_{v=1}^{I^{jd}} \sum_{r'=1}^{m_{vj}} \sum_{f'=0}^{m_{jd}-1} \sum_{h'=0}^{f'} \frac{u^f e^{-\frac{m_{sj}}{\Omega_{sj}} \sigma_{sj}^2 u}}{\left(\frac{m_{sj}}{\Omega_{sj}} u + \frac{m_{ij}}{\Omega_{ij}} \right)^{h+r}} \frac{u^{f'} e^{-\frac{m_{jd}}{\Omega_{jd}} \sigma_{jd}^2 u}}{\left(\frac{m_{jd}}{\Omega_{jd}} u + \frac{m_{vj}}{\Omega_{vj}} \right)^{h'+r'}} \quad (33)$$

$$\varphi_{2,sj,ij,i,r,f,h} \varphi_{2,jd,vd,v,r',f',h'} = F_{\Gamma_j}^{LB}(x),$$

$$\text{where } \varphi_{2,jd,vd,v,r',f',h'} = \left[\prod_{v^*=1}^{I^{jd}} \left(-\frac{\Omega_{v^*j}}{m_{v^*j}} \right)^{-m_{v^*j}} \right] \frac{(-1)^{r'} b_{vr'} \left(\frac{m_{jd}}{\Omega_{jd}} \right)^{f'} \binom{f'}{h'} (\sigma_{jd}^2)^{f'-h'} \Gamma(h'+r')}{(r'-1)!f'!}.$$

Also, using high SINR approximations of $F_{\Gamma_{sj}}$ and $F_{\Gamma_{jd}}$, one can get the asymptotic expression

of the CDF as

$$F_{\Gamma_j}^\infty(x) = 1 - \sum_{i=1}^{I^{sj}} \sum_{n_7=0}^{N_7} \sum_{n_8=0}^{N_8} \sum_{r=1}^{m_{ij}} \sum_{f=0}^{m_{sj}-1} \sum_{h=0}^f \sum_{v=1}^{I^{jd}} \sum_{n'_7=0}^{N'_7} \sum_{n'_8=0}^{N'_8} \sum_{r'=1}^{m_{vj}} \sum_{f'=0}^{m_{jd}-1} \sum_{h'=0}^f u^{f+n_7+n_8+f'+n'_7+n'_8} \quad (34)$$

$$\varphi_{4,sj,ij,i,r,f,h,n_7,n_8} \varphi_{4,jd,vd,v,r',f',h',n'_7,n'_8},$$

where $\varphi_{4,jd,vd,v,r',f',h',n'_7,n'_8} =$

$$\left[\prod_{v^*=1}^{I^{jd}} \left(-\frac{\Omega_{v^*j}}{m_{v^*j}} \right)^{-m_{v^*j}} \right] \frac{(-1)^{r'+n'_7} b_{vr'} \left(\frac{m_{jd}}{\Omega_{jd}} \right)^{f'+n'_7+n'_8} \left(\frac{m_{vj}}{\Omega_{vj}} \right)^{-h'-r'-n'_8} \left(\frac{f'}{h'} \right) \left(\frac{-h'-r'}{n'_8} \right) (\sigma_{jd}^2)^{f'-h'+n'_7} \Gamma(h'+r')}{(r'-1)! f'! n'_7!}.$$

Then, using (24), the outage probability can be obtained.

C. When the interferences are dominant

In the case when the interferences are dominant at both relay and destination such that $\sigma_{sj}^2 \approx 0$ and $\sigma_{jd}^2 \approx 0$, exact CDF expression (20) can be solved in closed-form as

$$F_{\Gamma_j}(x) = F_{\Gamma_{sj}}(x) + \sum_{i=1}^{I^{sj}} \sum_{r_1=1}^{m_{ij}} \varphi_7 \varphi_9(x) - \sum_{i=1}^{I^{sj}} \sum_{v=1}^{I^{jd}} \sum_{r_1=1}^{m_{ij}} \sum_{r_2=1}^{m_{vj}} \sum_{f=0}^{m_{jd}-1} \sum_{j_1=0}^{m_{sj}-1} \sum_{j_2=0}^f \varphi_8 \varphi_{10}(x) \quad (35)$$

$$\text{where } \varphi_7 = \left(\frac{m_{sj}}{\Omega_{sj}} \right)^{-r_1} \left[\prod_{i^*=1}^{I^{sj}} \left(-\frac{\Omega_{i^*j}}{m_{i^*j}} \right)^{-m_{i^*j}} \right] \frac{(-1)^{r_1} b_{ir_1} \Gamma(m_{sj}+r_1) B(1, r_1)}{\Gamma(m_{sj})(r_1-1)!},$$

$$\varphi_8 = \left(\frac{m_{sj}}{\Omega_{sj}} \right)^{m_{sj}} \left[\prod_{i^*=1}^{I^{sj}} \left(-\frac{\Omega_{i^*j}}{m_{i^*j}} \right)^{-m_{i^*j}} \right] \left[\prod_{v^*=1}^{I^{jd}} \left(-\frac{\Omega_{v^*j}}{m_{v^*j}} \right)^{-m_{v^*j}} \right] \binom{f}{j_2} \binom{m_{sj}-1}{j_1} \frac{(-1)^{r_1+r_2} b_{ir_1} b_{vr_2} \Gamma(m_{sj}+r_1) \Gamma(f+r_2) \Omega_{jd}^{r_2} (\Omega_{ij} \Omega_{sj})^{m_{sj}+r_1} m_{jd}^{j_1+j_2+1} \Omega_{vj}^{j_1+j_2+r_2+1}}{(r_2-1)! f! \Gamma(m_{sj})(r_1-1)!} B(j_1+j_2+r_2+1, m_{sj}+r_1-j_1-j_2+f-1),$$

$$\varphi_9(x) = {}_2F_1 \left(1, 1-m_{sj}; r_1+1; -\frac{m_{ij}\Omega_{sj}}{m_{sj}\Omega_{ij}x} \right) \left(\frac{m_{ij}\Omega_{sj}}{m_{sj}\Omega_{ij}} + x \right)^{-m_{sj}-r_1+1} x^{m_{sj}-1},$$

$$\varphi_{10}(x) = (x+1)^{j_1+1} x^{j_2+m_{sj}} (m_{ij}\Omega_{sj}+m_{sj}\Omega_{ij}x)^{-m_{sj}-r_1} (m_{jd}\Omega_{vj}x+m_{vj}\Omega_{jd})^{-j_1-j_2-r_2-1} {}_2F_1(m_{sj}+r_1, j_1+j_2+r_2+1; m_{sj}+r_1+f+r_2; 1 - \frac{m_{jd}\Omega_{vj}m_{sj}\Omega_{ij}(x^2+x)}{(m_{ij}\Omega_{sj}+m_{sj}\Omega_{ij}x)(m_{vj}\Omega_{jd}+m_{jd}\Omega_{vj}x)}) \text{ and } {}_2F_1(\cdot, \cdot; \cdot; \cdot) \text{ is}$$

the hypergeometric function.

Proof: See Appendix F.

Note that (35) is a very good closed-form approximation to the exact CDF when INR is large in the case of fixed interferences.

D. When the interferences are i.i.d.

In this subsection, we focus on the case when all the interferences are i.i.d. One can see that the PDF $f_{Y_{sj}}(x)$ in (27) is only suitable when the Nakagami- m parameters of interferences are

different. When all the interferences are i.i.d., (27) simply becomes

$$f_{Y_{sj}}(x) = \left(\frac{m_{ij}}{\Omega_{ij}}\right)^{I^{sj}m_{ij}} \frac{x^{I^{sj}m_{ij}-1}}{\Gamma(I^{sj}m_{ij})} e^{-\frac{m_{ij}}{\Omega_{ij}}x}, x > 0 \quad (36)$$

where b_{ir} does not exist any more and all other symbols are defined as before. Using (13), (14), (21) and (36), the lower bound can be derived as

$$F_{\Gamma_j}(x) \geq 1 - \varphi_{12} \sum_{v_1=0}^{m_{sj}-1} \sum_{v_2=0}^{m_{jd}-1} \sum_{s_1=0}^{v_1} \sum_{s_2=0}^{v_2} \varphi_{13} \varphi_{14}(x) = F_{\Gamma_j}^{LB}(x) \quad (37)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{where } \varphi_{12} &= \frac{\left(\frac{\Omega_{vj}}{m_{vj}}\right)^{-I^{jd}m_{vj}} \left(\frac{\Omega_{ij}}{m_{ij}}\right)^{-I^{sj}m_{ij}} e^{-\frac{m_{jd}\sigma_{jd}^2x}{\Omega_{jd}} - \frac{m_{sj}\sigma_{sj}^2x}{\Omega_{sj}}}}{\Gamma(I^{jd}m_{vj})\Gamma(I^{sj}m_{ij})}, \\ \varphi_{13} &= \frac{\left(\frac{\Omega_{jd}}{m_{jd}}\right)^{-v_2} \left(\frac{\Omega_{sj}}{m_{sj}}\right)^{-v_1} (\sigma_{jd}^2)^{v_2-s_2} (\sigma_{sj}^2)^{v_1-s_1} \Gamma(I^{jd}m_{vj}+s_2)\Gamma(I^{sj}m_{ij}+s_1)}{s_1!s_2!(v_1-s_1)!(v_2-s_2)!}, \\ \varphi_{14}(x) &= x^{v_1+v_2} \left(\frac{m_{jd}x}{\Omega_{jd}} + \frac{m_{vj}}{\Omega_{vj}}\right)^{-I^{jd}m_{vj}-s_2} \left(\frac{m_{ij}}{\Omega_{ij}} + \frac{m_{sj}x}{\Omega_{sj}}\right)^{-I^{sj}m_{ij}-s_1}. \end{aligned}$$

Similar, the asymptotic outage probability in the low outage regime can be derived as

$$F_{\Gamma_j}^{\infty}(x) = 1 - \sum_{v_1=0}^{m_{sj}-1} \sum_{v_2=0}^{m_{jd}-1} \sum_{s_1=0}^{v_1} \sum_{s_2=0}^{v_2} \sum_{n_9=0}^{N_9} \sum_{n_{10}=0}^{N_{10}} \sum_{n_{11}=0}^{N_{11}} \sum_{n_{12}=0}^{N_{12}} \varphi_{15} \varphi_{16} x^{n_{10}+n_{11}+n_{12}+n_9+v_1+v_2}, \quad (38)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{where } \varphi_{15} &= \frac{(-1)^{n_{10}+n_9} \Gamma(I^{jd}m_{vj}+s_2)\Gamma(I^{sj}m_{ij}+s_1) \binom{-I^{jd}m_{vj}-s_2}{n_{12}} \binom{-I^{sj}m_{ij}-s_1}{n_{11}}}{n_{10}!n_9!s_1!s_2!(v_1-s_1)!(v_2-s_2)!\Gamma(I^{jd}m_{vj})\Gamma(I^{sj}m_{ij})}, \\ \varphi_{16} &= \left(\frac{\Omega_{ij}}{m_{ij}}\right)^{n_{11}+s_1} \left(\frac{\Omega_{vj}}{m_{vj}}\right)^{n_{12}+s_2} (\sigma_{jd}^2)^{n_{10}-s_2+v_2} (\sigma_{sj}^2)^{n_9-s_1+v_1} \left(\frac{\Omega_{jd}}{m_{jd}}\right)^{-n_{10}-n_{12}-v_2} \left(\frac{\Omega_{sj}}{m_{sj}}\right)^{-n_{11}-n_9-v_1}. \end{aligned}$$

Then, the lower bound and asymptotic expression for the outage probability can be derived by using (37) and (38) in (24). Several insights can be obtained from (38) for i.i.d. fixed interferers. For example, one can see that with the increase of the Nakagami- m parameters of the interference m_{ij} or m_{vj} , the outage probability remains almost the same, which will be examined in Fig. 7. Similar to the analysis for random interferers, with the increase of SINR, the outage probability for fixed interferer decreases accordingly, which will be examined in Fig. 9 and Fig. 10 in Section V. However, different from random interferers, changing INR will not have a great influence on the outage probability for fixed interferers if the SINR is fixed. This is because SINR dominates the outage probability for fixed interferes and changing INR just change the ratio between the noise power and the interference power but has negligible influence on the overall outage probability, which will be shown in Fig. 8 and Fig. 9 in Section V. Another insight that can be

obtained from (38) is that, with the increase of m_{sj} or m_{jd} , the outage probability decreases, as m_{sj} or m_{jd} are in the upper limits of the summations in (38), which will be examined in Fig. 8 - Fig. 10 via simulation in Section V.

In the i.i.d. case when the interferences are dominant at both relay and destination, one can further get the closed-form expression of the CDF as

$$F_{\Gamma_j}(x) = 1 - \sum_{f_1=0}^{m_{sj}-1} \varphi_{17} x^{f_1} \left(\frac{m_{ij}}{\Omega_{ij}} + \frac{m_{sj}x}{\Omega_{sj}} \right)^{-f_1 - I^{sj}m_{ij}} + \varphi_{18} \varphi_{20}(x) - \sum_{f_2=0}^{m_{jd}-1} \sum_{s_1=0}^{f_2} \sum_{s_2=0}^{m_{sj}-1} \varphi_{19} \varphi_{21}(x) \quad (39)$$

where $\varphi_{17} = \frac{\Gamma(f_1 + I^{sj}m_{ij})}{f_1! \left(\frac{\Omega_{sj}}{m_{sj}}\right)^{f_1} \left(\frac{\Omega_{ij}}{m_{ij}}\right)^{I^{sj}m_{ij}} \Gamma(I^{sj}m_{ij})}$, $\varphi_{18} = \frac{m_{sj}^{-I^{sj}m_{ij}} \left(\frac{\Omega_{ij}}{m_{ij}}\right)^{-I^{sj}m_{ij}} \Omega_{sj}^{I^{sj}m_{ij}} B(1, I^{sj}m_{ij})}{B(I^{sj}m_{ij}, m_{sj})}$, $\varphi_{19} = \frac{\Gamma(f_2 + I^{jd}m_{vj}) m_{jd}^{-I^{jd}m_{vj}} \Omega_{jd}^{I^{jd}m_{vj}} \left(\frac{\Omega_{vj}}{m_{vj}}\right)^{-I^{jd}m_{vj}} m_{sj}^{-I^{sj}m_{ij}} \left(\frac{\Omega_{ij}}{m_{ij}}\right)^{-I^{sj}m_{ij}} \Omega_{sj}^{I^{sj}m_{ij}} \Gamma(I^{sj}m_{ij} + m_{sj})}{\Gamma(I^{jd}m_{vj}) \Gamma(I^{sj}m_{ij}) s_1! s_2! (f_2 - s_1)! \Gamma(m_{sj} - s_2)}$

$$B(I^{jd}m_{vj} + s_1 + s_2 + 1, f_2 + I^{sj}m_{ij} + m_{sj} - s_1 - s_2 - 1), \varphi_{20}(x) = x^{m_{sj}-1} \left(\frac{\Omega_{sj}m_{ij}}{m_{sj}\Omega_{ij}} + x \right)^{-I^{sj}m_{ij} - m_{sj} + 1}$$

$${}_2F_1\left(1, 1 - m_{sj}; I^{sj}m_{ij} + 1; -\frac{m_{ij}\Omega_{sj}}{m_{sj}\Omega_{ij}x}\right), \varphi_{21}(x) = (x+1)^{s_2+1} x^{m_{sj}+s_1} \left(\frac{m_{sj}\Omega_{ij}}{m_{sj}\Omega_{ij}x + m_{ij}\Omega_{sj}} \right)^{I^{sj}m_{ij} + m_{sj}}$$

$$\left(\frac{m_{jd}\Omega_{vj}}{m_{jd}\Omega_{vj}x + m_{vj}\Omega_{jd}} \right)^{I^{jd}m_{vj} + s_1 + s_2 + 1} {}_2F_1(I^{sj}m_{ij} + m_{sj}, I^{jd}m_{vj} + s_1 + s_2 + 1; f_2 + I^{sj}m_{ij} + m_{sj} + I^{jd}m_{vj}; 1 - \frac{m_{jd}m_{sj}\Omega_{vj}\Omega_{ij}x(x+1)}{(\Omega_{jd}m_{vj}m_{ij} + m_{jd}\Omega_{vj}m_{ij}x)(\Omega_{sj}m_{vj}m_{ij} + \Omega_{ij}m_{sj}xm_{vj})}).$$

Again, (39) is a very good closed-form approximation for the exact CDF when INR is large in the case of i.i.d fixed interferences. Using (24), the outage probability is obtained. Simulations in Fig. 11 in Section V will show that this approximation has a very good match with the exact outage probability when INR is large or interferences are dominant.

E. When the signal experiences Rayleigh fading

In another special case when the signal experiences Rayleigh fading channel, (39) is further specialized to

$$F_{\Gamma_j}(x) = 1 - I^{sj}m_{ij}\Omega_{jd}^{I^{jd}m_{vj}}\Omega_{sj}^{I^{sj}m_{ij}} B(I^{jd}m_{vj} + 1, I^{sj}m_{ij}) \left(\frac{\Omega_{vj}x}{m_{vj}} + \Omega_{jd} \right)^{-I^{jd}m_{vj}}$$

$$\left(\frac{\Omega_{ij}x}{m_{ij}} + \Omega_{sj} \right)^{-I^{sj}m_{ij}} \varphi_{22}(x) {}_2F_1(I^{jd}m_{vj} + 1, I^{sj}m_{ij} + 1; I^{sj}m_{ij} + I^{jd}m_{vj} + 1; 1 - \varphi_{22}(x)) \quad (40)$$

where $\varphi_{22}(x) = \frac{\Omega_{ij}\Omega_{vj}x(x+1)}{(m_{ij}\Omega_{sj}+\Omega_{ij}x)(m_{vj}\Omega_{jd}+\Omega_{vj}x)}$.

In the high SINR condition such that $\Omega_{sj} \rightarrow \infty$ and $\Omega_{jd} \rightarrow \infty$, using [14, (9.1)] as

$$\lim_{\varphi \rightarrow 0} \varphi \cdot {}_2F_1(a+1, b+1; a+b+1; 1-\varphi) = \frac{\Gamma(a+b+1)}{\Gamma(a+1)\Gamma(b+1)} \quad (41)$$

in (40), one can get the high SINR approximation of (40) as

$$F_{\Gamma_j}(x) = 1 - \left(\frac{\Omega_{ij}x}{\Omega_{sj}m_{ij}} + 1 \right)^{-I^{sj}m_{ij}} \left(\frac{\Omega_{vj}x}{\Omega_{jd}m_{vj}} + 1 \right)^{-I^{jd}m_{vj}}. \quad (42)$$

Using (24), the outage probability is obtained. From (42) and (24), one has several insights as follows: (1) with the increase of the number of interferers at the relay I^{sj} or at the destination I^{jd} , the outage probability increases; (2) with the increase of the average power of signal at the relay Ω_{sj} or at the destination Ω_{jd} , the outage probability decreases; (3) with the increase of the average power of interferers at the relay Ω_{ij} or at the destination Ω_{vj} , the outage probability increases.

V. NUMERICAL RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In this section, numerical examples are presented to show the effects of the number and locations of interferers by using the outage probability expressions derived in the previous sections. We assume $\bar{\gamma}^{SINR} = b_{sj}\bar{\gamma}_{sj}^{SINR} = b_{jd}\bar{\gamma}_{jd}^{SINR}$, $\bar{\gamma}^{INR} = c_{sj}\bar{\gamma}_{sj}^{INR} = c_{jd}\bar{\gamma}_{jd}^{INR}$, $\beta = \beta_{ij} = \beta_{vj}$ and $K_{ij}P_{ij} = K_{vj}P_{vj} = 1$. In the examples where the interferers have random number and locations, we let $\lambda = \lambda_I A_I$ and assume that the distances l_{ij} and l_{vj} follow the uniform distribution as $f_l(l) = \frac{2l}{L^2}$, $0 < l < L$, where L is the maximum radius of the disc. We assume $\lambda = \lambda_{sj} = \lambda_{jd}$ and $L = L_{sj} = L_{jd}$ in this case. In the examples where the interferers have fixed number and locations, the distances l_{ij} , l_{vj} and the number of interferers I^{sj} , I^{jd} are constant. Therefore, we assume $l = l_{ij} = l_{vj} = 2$, $I = I^{sj} = I^{jd} = 10$ and $\beta = 3$. In this case, there still exists path loss if the distances between nodes are large. The path loss is determined by l and β . This influence can be checked by examining Ω_{ij} and Ω_{vj} , as l and β can be absorbed by Ω_{ij} and Ω_{vj} as part of the average powers of the interference. In the calculations for both cases above, we assume the number of relays $J = 2$, $b_{sj} = c_{sj} = c_{jd} = 1$ and $b_{jd} = 10$. Also, let the

values of m_{sj} be the same for any j ; m_{jd} be the same for any j ; m_{ij} be the same for any i, j ; m_{vj} be the same for any v, j . Note that our results are general enough to include other cases but these settings are used here as examples.

Figs. 1 - 6 show the outage probability vs. γ_{th} in the case when the interferers have random number and locations. The GGA curve is obtained by using (15), (16) and (20) in (24) with numerical integration, the lower bound curve is obtained by using (22) in (24) while the asymptotic curve is obtained by using (23) in (24). In general, one can see that the outage probability decreases when the value of γ_{th} decreases or when the channel condition changes from Rayleigh fading to general Nakagami- m fading (or with the increase of m in Nakagami- m fading). The influence of m_{ij} and m_{vj} is examined in Fig. 1 for $\bar{\gamma}^{SINR} = 15$ dB, $\bar{\gamma}^{INR} = 0$ dB, $\lambda = 50$, $\beta = 3$, $L = 10$, $m_{sj} = 4$ and $m_{jd} = 5$. One can see that the curves for $m_{ij} = 1$ and $m_{vj} = 1$ have a slightly worse outage probability than the curves for $m_{ij} = 2$, $m_{vj} = 3$ and $m_{ij} = 6$, $m_{vj} = 7$ while the curves for $m_{ij} = 2$, $m_{vj} = 3$ and $m_{ij} = 6$, $m_{vj} = 7$ are nearly the same for the reasons explained below (23). Fig. 2 shows the result for $\bar{\gamma}^{SINR} = 15$ dB, $\bar{\gamma}^{INR} = 0$ dB, $\lambda = 50$, $\beta = 3$, and $L = 10$ while Fig. 3 shows the result for the same conditions except that $\bar{\gamma}^{INR}$ is increased from 0 dB in Fig. 2 to 20 dB in Fig. 3. One can see the outage probability for $m_{sj} = 2$, $m_{jd} = 3$, $m_{sj} = 2$, $m_{jd} = 3$ and $m_{sj} = 4$, $m_{jd} = 5$, $m_{sj} = 6$, $m_{jd} = 7$ deteriorate when $\bar{\gamma}^{INR}$ increases and the deteriorate rate for $m_{sj} = 2$, $m_{jd} = 3$, $m_{sj} = 2$, $m_{jd} = 3$ is slightly smaller than that for $m_{sj} = 4$, $m_{jd} = 5$, $m_{sj} = 6$, $m_{jd} = 7$. However, the outage probability remains nearly unchanged for the Rayleigh case in these two figures for the reasons explained below (23). Fig. 4 shows the same conditions as Fig. 3 except $\bar{\gamma}^{SINR}$ is increased from 15 dB in Fig. 3 to 20 dB in Fig. 4. One can see that the outage probability decreases with the increase of $\bar{\gamma}^{SINR}$, as expected. Also, comparing Fig. 3 with Fig. 5, one can see that the outage probability for $m_{sj} = 2$, $m_{jd} = 3$, $m_{sj} = 2$, $m_{jd} = 3$ and $m_{sj} = 4$, $m_{jd} = 5$, $m_{sj} = 6$, $m_{jd} = 7$ increases when the value of β changes from 3 in Fig. 3 to 5 in Fig. 5. Comparing Fig. 3 with Fig. 6, one can see that the outage probability for $m_{sj} = 2$, $m_{jd} = 3$, $m_{sj} = 2$, $m_{jd} = 3$ and $m_{sj} = 4$, $m_{jd} = 5$, $m_{sj} = 6$, $m_{jd} = 7$ increases when the value of L increases from 10 in Fig. 3 to 20 in

Fig. 6. However, the outage performances for the Rayleigh case in these two cases above keep almost unchanged for the reasons explained below (23).

In all these cases above, the results based on GGA match very well with the simulation results, showing the accuracy of the approximation and the usefulness of our results. Also, from Figs. 2 - 6, one can see that the lower bounds have considerable match with the simulation while the asymptotic curves match well with the simulation for small γ_{th} . On the other hand, one can see that the gap between lower bound and simulation decreases when $\bar{\gamma}^{SINR}$ increases, as expected, when comparing Fig. 4 with other figures above.

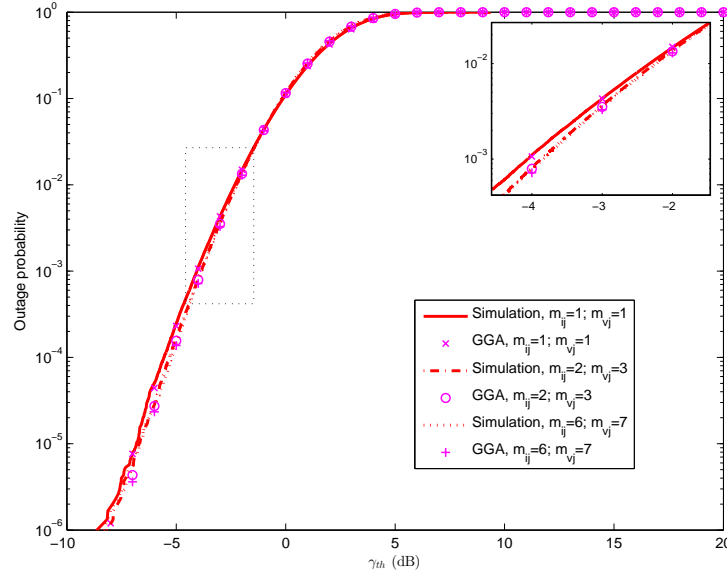


Fig. 1. Outage probability vs. γ_{th} for random interferers when $\bar{\gamma}^{SINR} = 15$ dB, $\bar{\gamma}^{INR} = 0$ dB, $\lambda = 50$, $L = 10$, $\beta = 3$, $m_{sj} = 4$ and $m_{jd} = 5$.

Figs. 7 - 11 show the outage probability vs. γ_{th} in the case when the interferers have fixed number and locations. The exact curve is obtained by using (20) (28) and (29) in (24) with numerical integration, the lower bound curve is obtained by using (37) in (24) while the asymptotic curve is obtained by using (37) and (17) in (24). In general, one sees that the outage probability decreases when the value of γ_{th} decreases or when the Nakagami- m parameter increases. Also, our derived exact results match very well with the simulation results and our

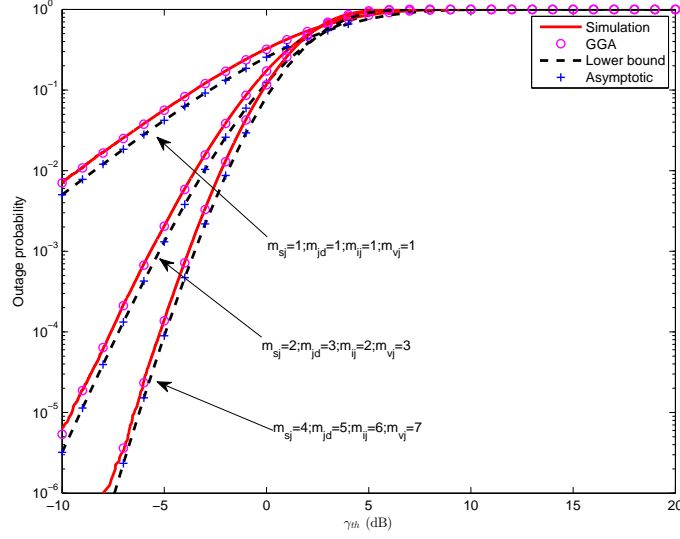


Fig. 2. Outage probability vs. γ_{th} for random interferers when $\bar{\gamma}^{SINR} = 15$ dB, $\bar{\gamma}^{INR} = 0$ dB, $\lambda = 50$, $L = 10$ and $\beta = 3$.

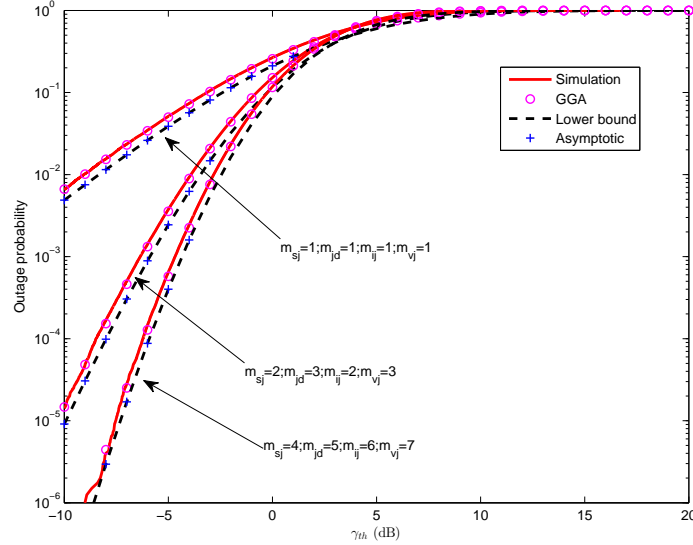


Fig. 3. Outage probability vs. γ_{th} for random interferers when $\bar{\gamma}^{SINR} = 15$ dB, $\bar{\gamma}^{INR} = 20$ dB, $\lambda = 50$, $L = 10$ and $\beta = 3$.

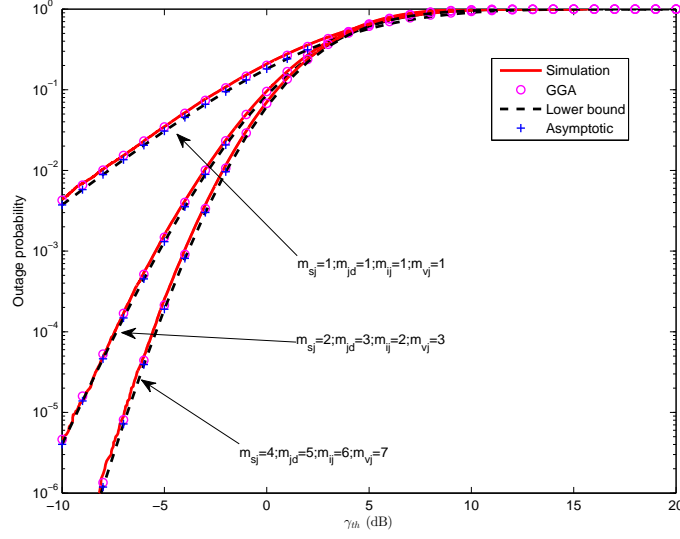


Fig. 4. Outage probability vs. γ_{th} for random interferers when $\bar{\gamma}^{SINR} = 20$ dB, $\bar{\gamma}^{INR} = 20$ dB, $\lambda = 50$, $L = 10$ and $\beta = 3$.

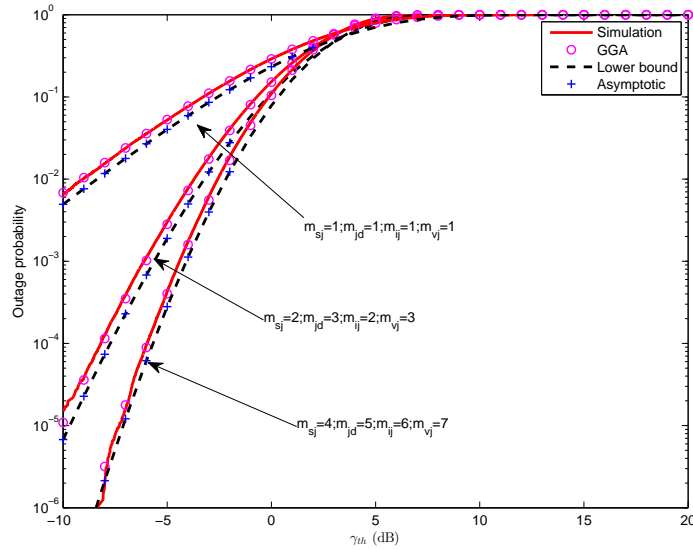


Fig. 5. Outage probability vs. γ_{th} for random interferers when $\bar{\gamma}^{SINR} = 15$ dB, $\bar{\gamma}^{INR} = 0$ dB, $\lambda = 50$, $L = 10$ and $\beta = 5$.

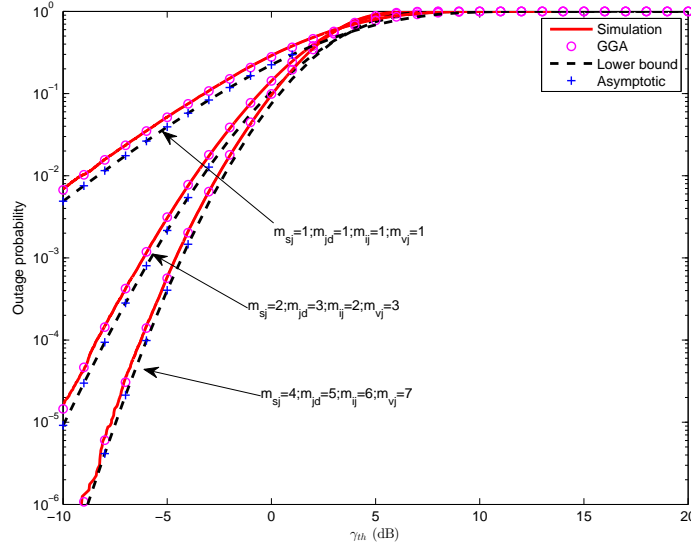


Fig. 6. Outage probability vs. γ_{th} for random interferers when $\bar{\gamma}^{SINR} = 15$ dB, $\bar{\gamma}^{INR} = 0$ dB, $\lambda = 50$, $L = 20$ and $\beta = 3$.

derived lower bounds and asymptotic curves have considerable matches with the simulation, especially for small γ_{th} in these figures, which verify the accuracy of our analysis. The influence of m_{ij} and m_{vj} is examined in Fig. 7 for $\bar{\gamma}^{SINR} = 15$ dB, $\bar{\gamma}^{INR} = 0$ dB, $m_{sj} = 4$ and $m_{jd} = 5$. One can see that the curves with $m_{ij} = 1$ and $m_{vj} = 1$ has a slightly worse outage probability than the curves with $m_{ij} = 2$, $m_{vj} = 3$ and $m_{ij} = 6$, $m_{vj} = 7$ while the curves with $m_{ij} = 2$, $m_{vj} = 3$ are almost the same as the curves with $m_{ij} = 6$, $m_{vj} = 7$. Fig. 8 shows the result for $\bar{\gamma}^{SINR} = 15$ dB, $\bar{\gamma}^{INR} = 0$ dB while Fig. 9 shows the result for the same conditions except that $\bar{\gamma}^{INR}$ is increased from 0 dB in Fig. 8 to 20 dB in Fig. 9. One can see that the outage probability from simulation remains almost unchanged, as the SINR dominates the outage probability in the case of fixed interferers and the influence of changing INR can be ignored in this case. Fig. 10 shows the same conditions as Fig. 9 except that $\bar{\gamma}^{SINR}$ is increased from 15 dB in Fig. 9 to 20 dB in Fig. 10. One can see that the outage probability decreases with the increase of $\bar{\gamma}^{SINR}$, as expected.

Next, our derived closed-form approximations to the exact outage probability in the case of

fixed interferences is examined in Fig. 11 where (39) is used as the approximation curve and $\bar{\gamma}^{SINR} = 10$ dB, $m_{sj} = 2$, $m_{jd} = 3$, $m_{sj} = 2$, $m_{jd} = 3$. One can see that the simulation curves for INR $\bar{\gamma}^{INR} = 10, 15$ and 20 dB remain almost unchanged, as $\bar{\gamma}^{SINR}$ is fixed in these curves. One can see that the approximation curve with $\bar{\gamma}^{INR} = 10$ dB is closer to the exact curve in Fig. 11 but still have a slight approximation error. With the increase of $\bar{\gamma}^{INR}$, these approximation errors decrease. In the case of $\bar{\gamma}^{INR} = 20$ dB, this approximation error can be ignored.

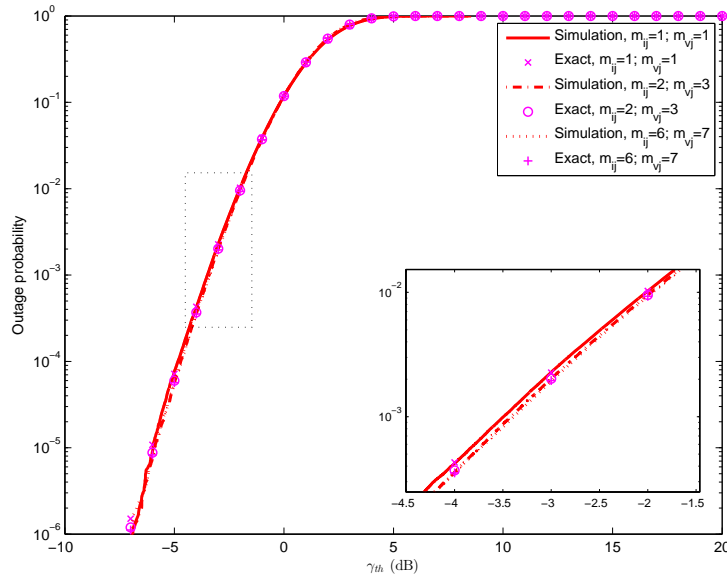


Fig. 7. Outage probability vs. γ_{th} for fixed interferers when $\bar{\gamma}^{SINR} = 15$ dB, $\bar{\gamma}^{INR} = 0$ dB, $m_{sj} = 4$, $m_{jd} = 5$.

VI. CONCLUSIONS

The outage probability performance of a dual-hop AF selective relaying system with relay selection based on the global instantaneous SINR has been analyzed for different cases of interferer number and locations. Exact analytical expressions in terms of one-dimensional integral for the general cases have been derived. Closed-form expressions for its lower bounds and

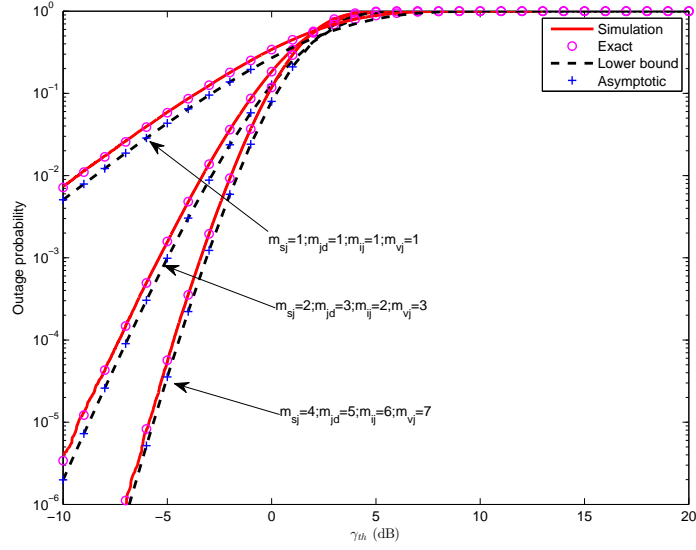


Fig. 8. Outage probability vs. γ_{th} for fixed interferers when $\bar{\gamma}^{SINR} = 15$ dB, $\bar{\gamma}^{INR} = 0$ dB.

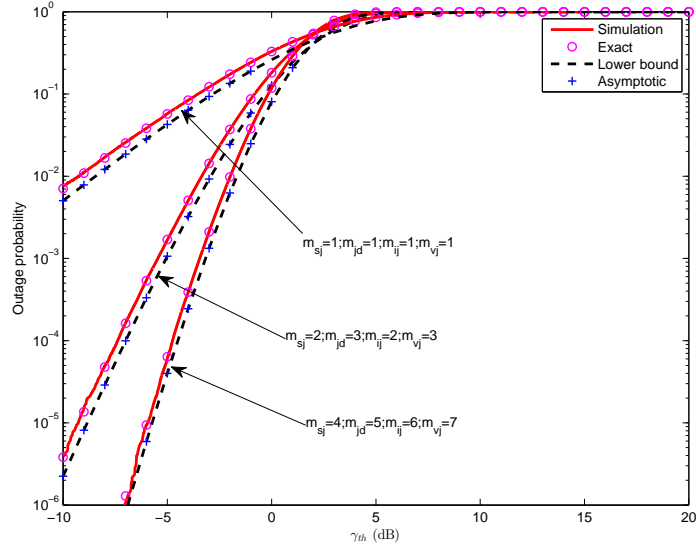


Fig. 9. Outage probability vs. γ_{th} for fixed interferers when $\bar{\gamma}^{SINR} = 15$ dB, $\bar{\gamma}^{INR} = 20$ dB.

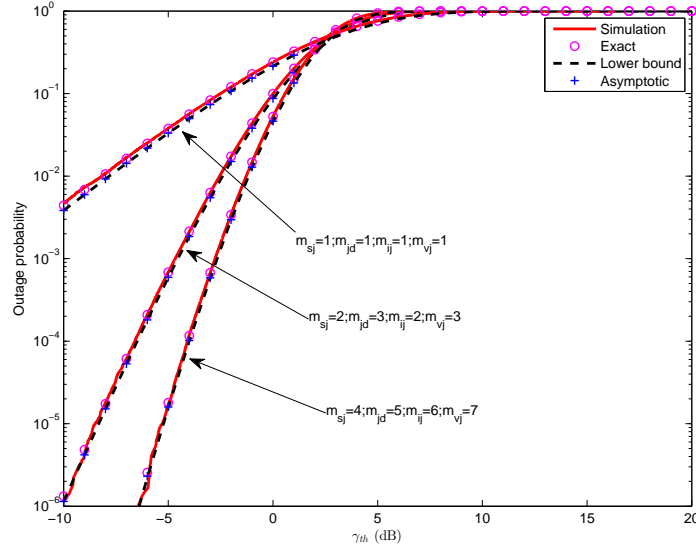


Fig. 10. Outage probability vs. γ_{th} for fixed interferers when $\bar{\gamma}^{SINR} = 20$ dB, $\bar{\gamma}^{INR} = 20$ dB.

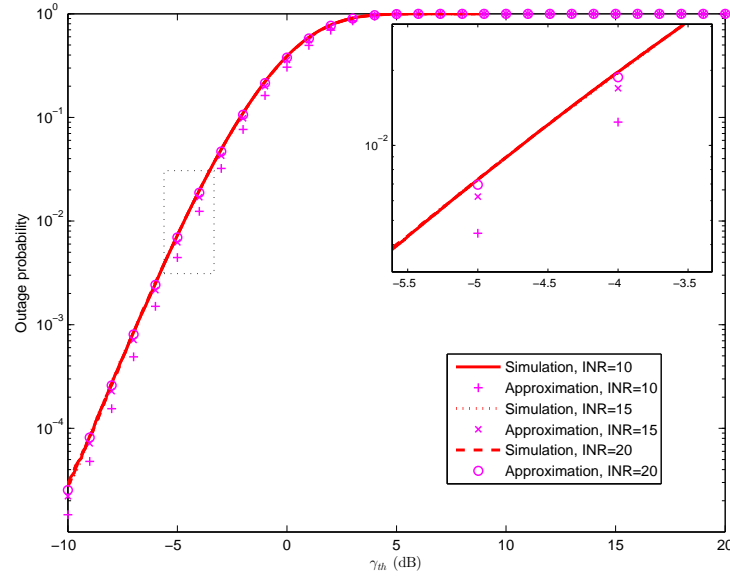


Fig. 11. Outage probability vs. γ_{th} for fixed interferers when $\bar{\gamma}^{SINR} = 10$ dB, $m_{sj} = 2$, $m_{jd} = 3$, $m_{ij} = 2$ and $m_{vj} = 3$.

asymptotic bounds have been obtained. Special cases for dominant interferences, i.i.d Nakagami- m fading interferers and Rayleigh fading channel have also been studied. Numerical examples have been presented to show the accuracy of the analysis by examining the effects of interferences and their locations, which are otherwise not possible using previous results. These examples have confirmed that the outage performance improves when the SINR increases and provided useful insights on the effects of different system parameters on the outage performance.

APPENDIX A

DERIVATION OF THE PDF OF Y_{sj} FOR RANDOM INTERFERERS

One has the moment generation function of (10) as [26]

$$E(Y_{sj}^c) = \frac{a_{sj}^c \Gamma\left(\frac{d_{sj}+c}{p_{sj}}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{d_{sj}}{p_{sj}}\right)} \quad (43)$$

where c represents the c -th order moment. Denote $\eta_{1,ij} = \int_0^\infty f_l(l_{ij})\eta(l_{ij})dl_{ij}$,

$\eta_{2,ij} = \int_0^\infty f_l(l_{ij})\eta^2(l_{ij})dl_{ij}$ and $\eta_{3,ij} = \int_0^\infty f_l(l_{ij})\eta^3(l_{ij})dl_{ij}$. One can derive the first-order moment of Y_{sj} as

$$E\{Y_{sj}\} = \sum_{I=0}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\lambda_I A_I} (\lambda_I A_I)^I}{I!} \sum_{i=1}^I E\{\Omega_{ij}\} E\{|h_{ij}|^2\} = \sum_{I=0}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\lambda_I A_I} (\lambda_I A_I)^I}{I!} \sum_{i=1}^I K_{ij} P_{ij} \eta_{1,ij}, \quad (44)$$

the second-order moment of Y_{sj} as

$$\begin{aligned} E\{Y_{sj}^2\} &= \sum_{I=0}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\lambda_I A_I} (\lambda_I A_I)^I}{I!} E\left\{\left(\sum_{i_1=1}^I \Omega_{i_1j} |h_{i_1j}|^2\right) \left(\sum_{i_2=1}^I \Omega_{i_2j} |h_{i_2j}|^2\right)\right\} \\ &= \sum_{I=0}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\lambda_I A_I} (\lambda_I A_I)^I}{I!} \left(\sum_{i=1}^I K_{ij}^2 P_{ij}^2 \eta_{2,ij} \frac{m_{ij}+1}{m_{ij}} + \sum_{i_1=1}^I \sum_{i_2 \neq i_1=1}^I K_{i_1j} P_{i_1j} K_{i_2j} P_{i_2j} \eta_{1,ij}^2\right) \end{aligned} \quad (45)$$

and the third-order moment of Y_{sj} as

$$\begin{aligned}
E\{Y_{sj}^3\} &= \sum_{I=0}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\lambda_I A_I} (\lambda_I A_I)^I}{I!} E \left\{ \left(\sum_{i_1=1}^I \Omega_{i_1j} |h_{i_1j}|^2 \right) \left(\sum_{i_2=1}^I \Omega_{i_2j} |h_{i_2j}|^2 \right) \left(\sum_{i_3=1}^I \Omega_{i_3j} |h_{i_3j}|^2 \right) \right\} \\
&= \sum_{I=0}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\lambda_I A_I} (\lambda_I A_I)^I}{I!} \left(\sum_{i=1}^I K_{ij}^3 P_{ij}^3 \eta_{3,ij} \frac{(m_{ij}+1)(m_{ij}+2)}{m_{ij}^2} + \sum_{i_1=1}^I \sum_{i_2 \neq i_1=1}^I K_{i_1j}^2 P_{i_1j}^2 K_{i_2j} P_{i_2j} \right. \\
&\quad \left. \eta_{2,ij} \eta_{1,ij} \frac{m_{ij}+1}{m_{ij}} + \sum_{i_1=1}^I \sum_{i_2 \neq i_1=1}^I \sum_{i_3 \neq i_2 \neq i_1=1}^I K_{i_1j} P_{i_1j} K_{i_2j} P_{i_2j} K_{i_3j} P_{i_3j} \eta_{1,ij}^3 \right). \tag{46}
\end{aligned}$$

Note that (44), (45) and (46) require an infinite series. However, in reality, one does not need to include many terms in the calculation as $\frac{e^{-\lambda_I A_I} (\lambda_I A_I)^I}{I!}$ decreases quickly with I . Therefore approximations of (44), (45) and (46) can be made by choosing finite series. Then, one can calculate the values of a_{sj} , p_{sj} and d_{sj} in (10) by solving

$$\begin{cases} E\{Y_{sj}\} = \frac{a_{sj} \Gamma\left(\frac{d_{sj}+1}{p_{sj}}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{d_{sj}}{p_{sj}}\right)} \\ E\{Y_{sj}^2\} = \frac{a_{sj}^2 \Gamma\left(\frac{d_{sj}+2}{p_{sj}}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{d_{sj}}{p_{sj}}\right)} \\ E\{Y_{sj}^3\} = \frac{a_{sj}^3 \Gamma\left(\frac{d_{sj}+3}{p_{sj}}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{d_{sj}}{p_{sj}}\right)}. \end{cases} \tag{47}$$

Furthermore, with the help of Beta function $B(\cdot, \cdot)$ [14, (8.384)], one can simplify (47) as (11), that can be solved numerically by using popular mathematical software packages, such as MATLAB, MATHEMATICA and MAPLE.

APPENDIX B

DERIVATION OF THE PDF OF Γ_{sj} FOR RANDOM INTERFERERS

Assume independent random variables $u, x > 0$ in the equations below. Using (10) and (13) in (14) and after some manipulations, one has

$$f_{\Gamma_{sj}}(u) = \frac{p_{sj} \left(\frac{m_{sj}}{\Omega_{sj}}\right)^{m_{sj}} u^{m_{sj}-1}}{a_{sj}^{d_{sj}} \Gamma(m_{sj}) \Gamma\left(\frac{d_{sj}}{p_{sj}}\right)} \int_{\sigma_{sj}^2}^{\infty} (x - \sigma_{sj}^2)^{d_{sj}-1} x^{m_{sj}} \exp \left(- \left(\frac{x - \sigma_{sj}^2}{a_{sj}} \right)^{p_{sj}} - \frac{m_{sj} x u}{\Omega_{sj}} \right) dx. \tag{48}$$

Using binomial expansion and variable substitution, (48) becomes

$$f_{\Gamma_{sj}}(u) = \sum_{r_1=0}^{m_{sj}} \frac{p_{sj} m_{sj}! a_{sj}^{-d_{sj}} \left(\frac{m_{sj}}{\Omega_{sj}}\right)^{m_{sj}} \sigma_{sj}^{2(m_{sj}-r_1)} x^{m_{sj}-1} e^{-\frac{m_{sj}\sigma_{sj}^2 u}{\Omega_{sj}}}}{\Gamma(m_{sj}) \Gamma\left(\frac{d_{sj}}{p_{sj}}\right) r_1! (m_{sj} - r_1)!} \times \int_0^\infty x^{d_{sj}+r_1-1} e^{-\left(\frac{x}{a_{sj}}\right)^{p_{sj}}} e^{-\frac{m_{sj}ux}{\Omega_{sj}}} dx. \quad (49)$$

The integral in (49) can be transformed by replacing the exponential functions with the Meijer's G-function as [27, pp. 346]

$$f_{\Gamma_{sj}}(u) = \sum_{r_1=0}^{m_{sj}} \frac{p_{sj} m_{sj}! a_{sj}^{-d_{sj}} \left(\frac{m_{sj}}{\Omega_{sj}}\right)^{m_{sj}} \sigma_{sj}^{2(m_{sj}-r_1)} u^{m_{sj}-1} e^{-\frac{m_{sj}\sigma_{sj}^2 u}{\Omega_{sj}}}}{\Gamma(m_{sj}) \Gamma\left(\frac{d_{sj}}{p_{sj}}\right) r_1! (m_{sj} - r_1)!} \times \int_0^\infty x^{d_{sj}+r_1-1} G_{0,1}^{1,0} \left(\left(\frac{x}{a_{sj}} \right)^{p_{sj}} \middle| \begin{matrix} - \\ 0 \end{matrix} \right) G_{0,1}^{1,0} \left(\frac{m_{sj}ux}{\Omega_{sj}} \middle| \begin{matrix} - \\ 0 \end{matrix} \right) dx. \quad (50)$$

This integral can be solved by using [28] as (15).

APPENDIX C

DERIVATION OF THE CDF OF Γ_{sj} FOR RANDOM INTERFERERS

Using the definition of CDF and (48), one has

$$F_{\Gamma_{sj}}(u) = \int_0^u f_{\Gamma_{sj}}(t) dt = \frac{p_{sj} \left(\frac{m_{sj}}{\Omega_{sj}}\right)^{m_{sj}}}{a_{sj}^{d_{sj}} \Gamma(m_{sj}) \Gamma\left(\frac{d_{sj}}{p_{sj}}\right)} \times \int_0^u \int_{\sigma_{sj}^2}^\infty t^{m_{sj}-1} (x - \sigma_{sj}^2)^{d_{sj}-1} x^{m_{sj}} \exp \left(- \left(\frac{x - \sigma_{sj}^2}{a_{sj}} \right)^{p_{sj}} - \frac{m_{sj}xt}{\Omega_{sj}} \right) dx dt. \quad (51)$$

By interchanging the order of integration and solving the integration over t first using [14, (3.351)], one can get

$$F_{\Gamma_{sj}}(u) = \frac{p_{sj} x^{d_{sj}-1}}{a_{sj}^{d_{sj}} \Gamma(m_{sj}) \Gamma\left(\frac{d_{sj}}{p_{sj}}\right)} \int_0^\infty \exp \left(- \left(\frac{x}{a_{sj}} \right)^{p_{sj}} \right) \gamma \left(m_{sj}, \frac{m_{sj}(\sigma_{sj}^2 + x)u}{\Omega_{sj}} \right) dx \quad (52)$$

where $\gamma(\cdot, \cdot)$ is the lower incomplete Gamma function [14]. Then, using [14, (8.352)] to expand the lower incomplete Gamma function as a finite series, one can get

$$F_{\Gamma_{sj}}(u) = \frac{p_{sj}(m_{sj}-1)!a_{sj}^{-d_{sj}}}{\Gamma(m_{sj})\Gamma\left(\frac{d_{sj}}{p_{sj}}\right)} \left(\int_0^\infty x^{d_{sj}-1} e^{-\left(\frac{x}{a_{sj}}\right)^{p_{sj}}} dx - \sum_{r_2=0}^{m_{sj}-1} \sum_{r_3=0}^{r_2} \frac{\sigma_{sj}^{2(r_2-r_3)} e^{-\frac{m_{sj}\sigma_{sj}^2 u}{\Omega_{sj}}} \left(\frac{m_{sj}u}{\Omega_{sj}}\right)^{r_2}}{r_3!(r_2-r_3)!} \int_0^\infty x^{d_{sj}+r_3-1} e^{-\left(\frac{x}{a_{sj}}\right)^{p_{sj}}} e^{-\frac{m_{sj}ux}{\Omega_{sj}}} dx \right). \quad (53)$$

By using [14, (3.381)] and using the same method as that for (50) twice, one can get the CDF of Γ_{sj} as (16).

APPENDIX D

DERIVATION OF THE HIGH SINR APPROXIMATIONS FOR PDF AND CDF OF Γ_{sj} FOR RANDOM INTERFERERS

Using Taylor's series expansion of (17) and [14, (3.381)] into (49) and (53), one can calculate the PDF and CDF of Γ_{sj} as (54) and (55), respectively,

$$f_{\Gamma_{sj}}(u) = \sum_{n_1=0}^{N_1} \sum_{r_1=0}^{m_{sj}} \mu_{3,sj,r_1,n_1} e^{-\frac{m_{sj}\sigma_{sj}^2 u}{\Omega_{sj}}} u^{m_{sj}+n_1-1} + o\left[(u/\Omega_{sj})^{N_1}\right], \quad (54)$$

$$\text{where } \mu_{3,sj,r_1,n_1} = \frac{(-1)^{n_1} m_{sj}^{m_{sj}+n_1+1} \Omega_{sj}^{-m_{sj}-n_1} \sigma_{sj}^{2(m_{sj}-r_1)} a_{sj}^{d_{sj}+n_1+r_1} \Gamma\left(\frac{d_{sj}+n_1+r_1}{p_{sj}}\right) a_{sj}^{-d_{sj}}}{n_1! \Gamma(r_1+1) \Gamma(m_{sj}-r_1+1) \Gamma\left(\frac{d_{sj}}{p_{sj}}\right)},$$

$$F_{\Gamma_{sj}}(u) = 1 - \sum_{n_2=0}^{N_2} \sum_{r_2=0}^{m_{sj}-1} \sum_{r_3=0}^{r_2} \mu_{4,sj,r_2,r_3,n_2} u^{n_2+r_2} e^{-\frac{m_{sj}\sigma_{sj}^2 u}{\Omega_{sj}}} + o\left[(u/\Omega_{sj})^{N_2}\right], \quad (55)$$

$$\text{where } \mu_{4,sj,r_2,r_3,n_2} = \frac{(-1)^{n_2} a_{sj}^{n_2+r_3} \sigma_{sj}^{2(r_2-r_3)} \left(\frac{m_{sj}}{\Omega_{sj}}\right)^{n_2+r_2} \Gamma\left(\frac{d_{sj}+n_2+r_3}{p_{sj}}\right)}{n_2! r_3! (r_2-r_3)! \Gamma\left(\frac{d_{sj}}{p_{sj}}\right)}.$$

Furthermore, using (17) in (54) and (55) again, one can get (18) and (19).

APPENDIX E

DERIVATION OF THE PDF AND CDF OF Γ_{sj} FOR FIXED INTERFERERS

Similarly, the PDF of Γ_{sj} can be calculated using (13) and (27) as

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_{\Gamma_{sj}}(u) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x| f_{W_j}(xu) f_{Y_{sj}}(x - \sigma_{sj}^2) dz_j \\
 &= \left(\frac{m_{sj}}{\Omega_{sj}} \right)^{m_{sj}} \left[\prod_{i^*=1}^{I^{sj}} \left(-\frac{\Omega_{i^*j}}{m_{i^*j}} \right)^{-m_{i^*j}} \right] \sum_{i=1}^{I^{sj}} \sum_{r=1}^{m_{ij}} \frac{(-1)^r b_{ir} u^{m_{sj}-1}}{\Gamma(m_{sj})(r-1)!} \\
 &\quad \int_{\sigma_{sj}^2}^{\infty} z^{m_{sj}} (z - \sigma_{sj}^2)^{r-1} e^{-\frac{m_{sj}}{\Omega_{sj}} u z - \frac{m_{ij}}{\Omega_{ij}} (z - \sigma_{sj}^2)} dz.
 \end{aligned} \tag{56}$$

This integral can be solved by using [14, (3.351)] as (28).

Using the definition of CDF and (56), one has

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_{\Gamma_{sj}}(u) &= \int_0^u f_{\Gamma_{sj}}(t) dt = \left(\frac{m_{sj}}{\Omega_{sj}} \right)^{m_{sj}} \left[\prod_{i^*=1}^{I^{sj}} \left(-\frac{\Omega_{i^*j}}{m_{i^*j}} \right)^{-m_{i^*j}} \right] \sum_{i=1}^{I^{sj}} \sum_{r=1}^{m_{ij}} \frac{(-1)^r b_{ir}}{\Gamma(m_{sj})(r-1)!} \\
 &\quad \int_0^u \int_{\sigma_{sj}^2}^{\infty} t^{m_{sj}-1} z^{m_{sj}} (z - \sigma_{sj}^2)^{r-1} e^{-\frac{m_{sj}}{\Omega_{sj}} t z - \frac{m_{ij}}{\Omega_{ij}} (z - \sigma_{sj}^2)} dz dt.
 \end{aligned} \tag{57}$$

By interchanging the order of integration and solving the integration over t first using [14, (3.351)], one further has

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_{\Gamma_{sj}}(u) &= \left[\prod_{i^*=1}^{I^{sj}} \left(-\frac{\Omega_{i^*j}}{m_{i^*j}} \right)^{-m_{i^*j}} \right] \sum_{i=1}^{I^{sj}} \sum_{r=1}^{m_{ij}} \frac{(-1)^r b_{ir}}{\Gamma(m_{sj})(r-1)!} \\
 &\quad \cdot \int_0^{\infty} z^{r-1} e^{-\frac{m_{ij}}{\Omega_{ij}} z'} \gamma(m_{sj}, \frac{m_{sj}}{\Omega_{sj}} (z' + \sigma_{sj}^2) u) dz'.
 \end{aligned} \tag{58}$$

Then, one can derive the CDF of Γ_{sj} by using [14, (8.352)] and [14, (3.381)] in closed-form as (29).

APPENDIX F

DERIVATION OF THE CDF OF Γ_j WHEN THE INTERFERENCES ARE DOMINANT

When the interference is dominant such that the noise can be ignored, one further has $\sigma_{sj}^2 \approx 0$ in (28) to give the PDF as

$$f_{\Gamma_{sj}}(u) = \sum_{i=1}^{I^{sj}} \sum_{r=1}^{m_{ij}} \varphi_{5,sj,ij,i,r} \frac{u^{m_{sj}-1}}{\left(\frac{m_{sj}}{\Omega_{sj}} u + \frac{m_{ij}}{\Omega_{ij}} \right)^{m_{sj}+r}}, \tag{59}$$

where $\varphi_{5,sj,ij,i,r} = \left[\prod_{i^*=1}^{I^{sj}} \left(-\frac{\Omega_{i^*j}}{m_{i^*j}} \right)^{-m_{i^*j}} \right] \left(\frac{m_{sj}}{\Omega_{sj}} \right)^{m_{sj}} \frac{(-1)^r b_{ir} \Gamma(m_{sj}+r)}{\Gamma(m_{sj})(r-1)!}$.

Also, the CDF of Γ_{sj} in (29) becomes

$$F_{\Gamma_{sj}}(u) = 1 - \sum_{i=1}^{I^{sj}} \sum_{r=1}^{m_{ij}} \sum_{f=0}^{m_{sj}-1} \varphi_{6,sj,ij,i,r,f} \frac{u^f}{\left(\frac{m_{sj}}{\Omega_{sj}} u + \frac{m_{ij}}{\Omega_{ij}} \right)^{f+r}}, \quad (60)$$

where $\varphi_{6,sj,ij,i,r,f} = \left[\prod_{i^*=1}^{I^{sj}} \left(-\frac{\Omega_{i^*j}}{m_{i^*j}} \right)^{-m_{i^*j}} \right] \left(\frac{m_{sj}}{\Omega_{sj}} \right)^f \frac{(-1)^r b_{ir} \Gamma(f+r)}{(r-1)!f!}$. Therefore, (20) can be solved as (35) with the help of [14, (3.197)].

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